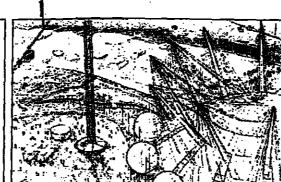




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Arbitration in recognition disputes

Labour wants union role for judges

LABOUR was forced to disclose more details of its plans Rifkind attack for trade union recognition yesterday, announcing for the on federalism first time that judges would have the final say in any

ognising unions.

trade unionists, Labour strate-

gists had rapidly to flesh out

its employment policy, adding

The Tories had capitalised

on their rivals' disarray by

trade unions where this was

backed by 50 per cent of the

workforce. Mr Heseltine said

the measures would inflict

incalculable damage" on the

the way for "licensed industri-

al blackmail, marking a

return to the shopfloor strife of

"It could destroy in one

session of Parliament our

ability to attract massive in-

vestment from all over the

world," he said. "Eighteen

years of painstaking pursuit of

excellence surrendered in 18

Gordon Brown, forced on to

the defence, disclosed plans

for a third party to arbitrate

where employers and workers

could not decide how union

recognition would work. Party

months of Labour power."

the Seventies.

details throughout the day.

The Government gave notice that it planned to block a new disputes between employers and their workforce over rectreaty on the future of Europe if other members pressed As Michael Heseltine acahead with plans to create a cused the party of putting power back into the hands of

defence arm within the EU. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, accused his European partners of trying to "lurch in a federalist direction" every two or three

changing the topic of their early morning press confersources later confirmed that different units of the workforce could be balloted ence, billed as an announcement of plans for extending testing for 14-year-old pupils. separately. And they conced-Instead, the Deputy Prime ed that in some cases an Minister launched an all-out employer would want differattack on Labour proposals to ent plants to take part in a require firms to recognise

single, all-embracing ballot.
In what was widely seen as an attempt to defuse the row, the party signalled that measures to change laws on trade union recognition would not not appear in the first Queen's Speech. A Green Paper is expected in the first year of a Labour government but there

is no timetable on legislation. Yesterday morning the Shadow Chancellor emphasised that workers had a right both to join and not to join a trade union. Labour's latest policy was a milder version of a system, backed by Ronald Reagan, that had operated in America without problems for

several years, he said. "A recognised unit would be something that would have to be agreed ... usually by

employers and employees themselves," he added. If they could not agree, then a third party would have to decide. Mr Brown then suggested "a judge" would be the final arbiter in any dispute over what constituted the relevant workforce".

Later Robin Cook, chair man of Labour's policy forum. suggested on Radio 4's The World at One that the final arbiter should be the Central Arbitration Committee, which decides on industrial disputes.

Two hours later party sources said disagreements would go initially to the Advisory Arbitration and Conciliation Service (Acas), then to the Central Arbitration Committee, which would in future be headed by a judge.

For several years Labour has suggested it would allow trade unions to be recognised at work if wanted by 50 per cent of the workforce. But it was only yesterday that the party was forced to clarify what would happen if there employer and the employees.

Apart from pledging to reintroduce trade union recognition at GCHQ, Labour has made few concessions to the unions, claiming it will not repeal the raft of trade union laws introduced by Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s.

One further change is to grant employees the right to appeal to an industrial tribunal if dismissed after taking part in lawful industrial

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Proud parents Edward and Gloria Minghella, centre, celebrate their son's Oscar success with staff at their Isle of Wight ice-cream factory

Isle of Wight hails cream of the Oscars

By BILL FROST

CONES generously laced with vintage champagne were handed out to wellwishers at an ice-cream factory outside Ryde on the Isle of Wight yesterday as Edward and Gloria Minghella celebrated the Oscar success of their son for The English Patient was Britain's best performance yet

at the Los Angeles awards. Close friends, neighbours and refuse collectors began arriving in ever larger numbers soon after the factory opened. The switchboard had given up under the pressure of calls from across the world and the fax machine was

running out of paper. Had Mr Minghella's parents had their way, he might never have enjoyed the limelight in Hollywood, Before he went to university to study English and drama, they had

suggested he follow them into the ice-cream business.

Yesterday, his father acknowledged an error of judgment as he basked in his son's triumph. "Yes, we weren't keen at first, his mother was horrified, but how could we have anticipated what would



Minghella holds aloft

happen," he said. The director's mother, a deputy lieutenant of the Isle of Wight, was busy planning a celebration. "It's not every day your son wins nine Oscars and I doubt it will ever happen again.

"He called twice from Hollywood right after the ceremony, he's not sure when he will can be sure we will lay on one of the best parties ever for his return. In the meantime, we will toast him again tonight in

hella both feature in The English Patient. Their son flew them to Rome and then Tuscany along with his Aunt Bessie to play in a crowd scene as peasants celebrating VE Day. "We are dressed in costume and my sister and I play the accordion," said Mrs Minghella proudly. "Edward, my husband, plays tambourine, but not very well. "There

was no fee - we did it for love. Anthony wanted us to feature in the film, he is very attached to his family and we are all very close. He knew my sister Bessie and I had played the accordion together as girls and wanted us to do it in the

Edward and Gloria Ming-

All we've got left is lying in the corridor"

film. He just kept on at me saying 'please mum,' until I gave in. Ten miles from Ryde at

Shanklyn, Anthony Minghella's English teacher was also celebrating his former pupil's success. Gareth Pritchard, 64, remembers "a generous boy" with an outgoing lievably well he has done makes me, and everybody else who knows and worked with him, very proud. The good thing is he has kept his feet on the ground and has remained the personable, likeable chap he was when I first met him.

Mr Minghella himself be-lieves his formative years in such a small and insulated community helped to shape his work. There are two references to the Isle of Wight in his film. "I wanted to give some-Continued on page 3, col 1

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Constituency moves to oust MP in sleaze row

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY party members have begun moves to force Tim Smith, the MP who accepted £25,000 in cash from Mohamed Al-Fayed, to stand down before the election. And, in a letter to The Times oday, Richard Branson, the



millionaire businessman. called on Mr Smith and Neil Hamilton, the MP for Tatton, who are at the centre of the cash-for-questions controver-

of Virgin, urged Beaconsfield and Tatton Conservatives to take matters into their own hands and deselect the MPs. Mr Smith has admitted taking cash but Mr Hamilton, who accepted two holidays in the Paris Ritz and failed to declare income tax on payments from lan Greer, the lobbyist, has denied receiving money from Mr Al Fayed. Constituency officers in Bea-

constield are consulting members to see if a new candidate should be chosen. Caroline Strafford, who until last week was the political

chairman and vice-chairman Mr Branson, the chairman of the Beaconsfield association, said last night: "I am not prepared to support Tim Smith. He admits taking cash in brown envelopes but is not sure how much. He says he included it in his tax return. and so ought to be able to stay. Tim Smith should take the honourable course and stand down. He is affecting the Continued on page 2, col 3

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Girl who killed at 12 is detained

Britain's youngest female murderer was ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure after being found guilty of killing a woman when she was just 12

Sharon Carr, now aged 17. stabbed 18-year-old hairdresser Katie Rackliff to death. The judge told Carr. "You are a very dangerous young

Marconi deal

The Marconi Collection of historic items from the earliest days of radio is to be given to the Science Museum after a Uturn by the electronics firm GEC-Marconi. which had planned to auction it Page 6

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Judge defends jailing of jurors By RICHARD FORD AND STEPHEN FARRELL

appropriate course for me to take, he said. "Jurors must recognise they have a respon-

A JUDGE last night defended his decision to jail two jutors, Bonnie Schot and Carol Barclay, for 30 days for contempt of court after they refused to take part in the jury's deliberations. Judge Anura Cooray's ac-

tion is believed to be the first such in more than 300 years, but he insisted that the women had wilfully refused to bring in a verdict at the end of a 17day trial. He was replying to critics after Miss Schot, 20, the jury foreman, and Miss Barclay, 32, were released from Holloway pending an appeal.

"I was satisfied that their

refusal to participate in the jury's deliberations constituted a clear contempt of court. and as such a sentence of imprisonment was the most



Judge Cooray: says he had no option but jail

the criminal justice system is to be upheld." The two women were impanelled with ten other sibility to fulfil their duties in people last month to try five

defendants in a £100,000 counterfeit currency case. They had heard evidence for 17 days at Knightsbridge Crown Court but, on March 12, after two hours of deliberation, it emerged that they had refused take part in discussions in the jury room because of their personal beliefs.

Miss Schot sent a note to the judge saying: "Your Honour, we are unable to come to any decisions owing to some jurors conscious [sic] beliefs. Please advise."

In his statement last night Judge Cooray said: "When the court asked for particulars

and clarification, a further note was received which read: of the jury cannot bring themselves to make a true judgment due to our beliefs, not

religious but personal.
'At the beginning of the trial before we took the oath, we felt that we could not stand up in the court and stress this fact. We thought that our feelings may change over time. After retiring we found that we still feel the same and cannot give true verdict to these defendants'."

The judge's statement added: "It later emerged that one of the two names given was that of the jury foreman, Continued on page 2, col 7

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Rifkind threatens to block new Europe treaty

By Charles Bremner, Michael Evans and Philip Webster

THE Government gave notice yesterday that it planned to block a new treaty on the future of Europe if other members pressed ahead with plans to create a defence arm within the European Union and to subject immigration to majority voting.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, thrust Europe to the centre of the election campaign in Rome as he accused his European partners of trying to "lurch in a federalist direction" every two or three years. In London, a Franco-German proposal to incorporate the Western European Union defence organisation into the EU within 10 years was condemned as a "betrayal of agreements that had been

carefully crafted over the past year. Mr Rifkind rejected the fresh proposals put forward by the Dutch presidency for the new treaty to be signed in June in Amsterdam. He said it would mean that immigra-tion and asylum policy could no longer be determined by democrati-

cally elected parliaments, and the EU would for the first time be turned into an organisation of "collective security." He said the proposals had been tabled as a basis for negotiation, but they were not a basis for agreement.

His tough stance, seen as another move to underline his own and the Government's increasingly Eurosceptic stance, came as Robin Cook. the Shadow Foreign Secretary, claimed that a Labour government would restore Britain's influence in Europe while the Tories would lead the country "towards the exit door". However, on the two issues earmarked as sticking points by Mr Rifkind, Labour's stance is equally unbending.

The Foreign Secretary's performance was dismissed by some of his European colleagues as blatant electioneering; they felt it marred the champagne celebrations for the EU's fortieth anniversary. In

BRITAIN OUTPERFORMS GERMANY

Britain has jumped ahead of Germany, and one place behind Japan, in a world league table of economic performance published today. Top placings go to the United States. Singapore and Hong Kong. Britain has moved from 19th to 12th place in the study published by the Swiss-based consultants IMD. Factors in the improvement

furiosuly. They said Britain had made significant progress in persuading her European partners that the Western European Union - the Brussels-based body representing Europe's defence interests — should be inextricably linked to Nato. One senior British official said angrily: "The French and Germans have now thrown everything back into the pot, including the kitchen sink."

Mr Rifkind said that the plan

tionalisation, the financial sector and governmental performance. Germany was said to have suffered as a consequence of the economic impact of the reunification of the country, high business costs, slow company restructuring, and employment rigidities.

were said to be strong growth.

falling unemployment, interna-

history, the EU was trying to become an institution of collective security by bringing the Western European Union fully into the EU. That would amount to an EU commitment to go to war if a member state was attacked or invaded. He warned that such a plan would cause complications for four member states who remain neutral - Sweden, Ireland, Austria and Finland - as well as souring relations with Russia and adding enlargement.

Britain is far from alone in its opposition to the scheme. Although hacked by a core group of five other EU countries, it is opposed by the four neutral states, which are not members of the WEU

Diplomats said it was highly unlikely that the Franco-German defence plan would see its way into the revamped Maastricht treaty because Britain had strong support for its resistance from the neutral Continental states. The plan. described by Mr Rifking as foolish and dangerous, was formally discussed at the treaty negociation in Rome yesterday after Hans van Mierlo, the Dutch Foreign Minister. suggested it be breached when the inter-governmental conference returns to defence next month.

The text, which won general support from the 14 other EU governments, provides for removing frontiers and applying majority voting to immigration and frontier

certain areas of foreign policy. The draft, part of a complete treaty which must be agreed in Amster-dam in June, also calls for the EU gradually to take on responsibility for European defence through the Western European Union.

Mr Cook, meanwhile, sought to contrast Labour's approach of cooperation with Europe with the Conservatives' confrontation. Outlining Labour's six-point business plan for Europe. Mr Cook said: "We cannot get the best business deal out of Europe under a government that constantly wants no deal at all with

Tory divisions on Europe are likely to be highlighted today when John Redwood stages a London photocall to publicise his new book arguing against the single currency. Ministers had hoped that it would be a low-profile event and have tried without success to encourage Mr Redwood to "pull" the book.

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Judge faces criticism for jailing two jurors



The committee's recommendation - which split members follows its inquiry into Freemasonry in the judiciary and the police. Labour said it would introduce such a register if it won the election. John Major also supports the idea, despite some Tory opposition. The MPs said in their report

yesterday that there was a great deal of unjustified paranoia about Freemasonry". There would be practical difficulties in establishing a regis-ter, but these would not be insuperable. "Nothing so much undermines public confidence in public institutions as the knowledge that some public servants are members of a secret society, one of whose aims is mutual selfadvancement.

The committee urged Freemasons to set up a voluntary register rather than await legislation. "By openness and disclosure, all suspicion would be removed. We would welcome the taking of such steps by the United Grand Lodge."

The decision to recommend a compulsory public register divided the committee, with three Conservative members opposing the move. It was

England and Wales, and by the Police Federation, which represents 120,000 officers.

The United Grand Lodge of England attacked the proposal. The Grand Secretary Commander, Michael Higham, said: "As a lawful and lawabiding society, Freemasons will be disappointed by this hasty conclusion...a recommendation which, if implemented, would interfere with a fundamental right in British life. There is no basis for saying that one of Freemasonry's aims is mutual self-advancement. Freemasonry is not to be used to advance interest, and that is very clearly understood by every

The report says that, according to information it received from the United Grand Lodge, none of the Law Lords, two of 39 Appeal Court judges and one of 96 High Court judges were Freemasons. One of 75 judges on the Midland and Oxford circuit, and 16 out of 64 judges on the North East circuit were Masons. The committee was given a list of ed West Midlands Serious Crime Squad who served between 1974 and 1989. The United Grand Lodge said 14 of the 96 individuals named



17th-century ruling established that refusal to deliver a verdict is common law offence

A 17TH-CENTURY ruling by the Lord Chief Justice of the day established that it juries and inflicted fines and imprison— Il jurors and 10 of them agree, or where was a contempt under common law for a ment on them. In 1554, eight members of there are 10 jurors and nine agree. juror or jury to refuse to deliver a verdict unless to state that they cannot agree.

In a case called Bushell in 1670, jurors were committed to prison for returning a verdict "against the plain and manifest weight of evidence, and against the direction of the court on a point of law. But Lord Chief Justice Vaughan held that a jury could not be punished in a criminal case for such a finding, firmly establishing that jurors are immune over the verdicts they bring and cannot be sued if a conviction is later overturned.

Jury service is a duty that citizens have to undertake, barring those who are excused, ineligible or exempt. Refusal is an offence under the Juries Act 1974 and can carry a fine of up to £1,000.

Juries do not have to justify or give reasons for their decisions. Until the 17th century, they were often punished for Court of Star Chamber often summoned a jury were heavily fined and jailed for having acquitted Sir Nicholas Throg-

morton of high treason.

But by 1607 the immunity of jurors to actions brought by people injured by a wrongful verdict was established in a case called Floyd v Barker, where it was held that a writ for conspiracy could not be issued against a juror from someone indicted but later acquitted.

But jurors who reach their verdicts capriciously — by determining their verdicts by lot or by tossing a coin commit an offence. A judge faced with a potentially biased jury — for instance, on racial grounds — has three options: to give further directions to the jury, to discharge up to three jurors from the 12 and to allow the trial to continue with the remainder, or to discharge the entire jury and order a retrial before a fresh panel.

verdicts proved wrong on appeal or Majority verdicts were introduced by contrary to the direction of the judge. The acceptable where there are no fewer than there are 10 jurors and nine agree.

Where a jury has reached a guilty verdict on the basis of a majority decision, the Juries Act 1974 requires the foreman of the jury to state in open court the number who agreed and disagreed. ☐ Judge Cooray, who was appointed Britain's second only black circuit judge in 1991, was in the news once before when he was criticised for constantly interrupt-

ing during a criminal trial.

The then Lord Chief Justice, Lord
Taylor of Gosforth, in an appeal in 1993 by a man imprisoned for seven years for a drug offence, said that Judge Cooray had continually interrupted counsel and the defendant. There had been more than 90 separate interventions, he said. "Judges should remember that most people go into the witness box ... in a state of nervousness." Defendants expected to receive a courteous hearing.

Continued from page 1 Bonnie Schot. The matter was carefully discussed with counsel when various implications were canvassed. And finally the court decided to discharge the whole jury and order a

On Monday Judge Cooray gave the two women the opportunity to explain their conduct but, after hearing them, he had no option but to

jail them, he said. As she left jail last night Miss Schot described the Sri Lankan-born judge as "a very spiteful and vindictive man". Miss Schot, who has three A levels and hade planned to be a barrister, added that she was no longer sure that she wished to pursue a career at the Bar. Before her release she said

she had felt bewildered by the facts of the lengthy case and had felt unable to make a decision. "I am shattered. It is ourrageous that I have been locked up when I have never been in any trouble. I was just trying to do what was right.". When she came out of Holloway, Miss Schot, her mother, Audrey, and her sister Donna, 33, were driven away by reporters from a tabloid newspaper. A few moments later a black BMW believed to

contain Carol Barclay left. Lola Barclay, mother of Carol Barclay, an unemployed nursery nurse, said she was delighted her daughter had been released. We cannot believe this has happened. It has been a nightmare," she said from Shepherd's Bush.

west London. Penal reform groups last night attacked the decision to jail the two women. "This was an indefensible and draconian use of imprisonment. This unreasonably harsh action can only discourage people form serving on juries," Paul Cavadino, chairman of the Penal Affairs Consortium,

Leroy Redhead, the barrister representing the two women, said It is a very unfortunate situation and something which perhaps could have been handled slightly better."

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Albanians take asylum claim to High Court

Seven asylum-seekers have brought a test case in the High Court claiming that thousands of Albanians was live under Serb rate in former Yagosiavia and fear ethnic cleansing have a right to political asylum in Britan. The case follows an Immigra-tion Appeal Tribunal dession last July which held that Beigrade did have "a system or policy" for targeting Albanians.

Lawyers said the interior tion authorities had adapted a "ludierous" policy where each case had to be hours. individually, costing the har payer millions in unacces-sary legal aid. Mr Justice Hidden reserved judgment.

Arms challenge

Mr Justice Laws, sitting in the High Court, refused period mission for campaign groups to seek a judicial review of the Government decision to allow arms sales to Indone sia. He said the complaint could only be "properly west-lated in the political field".

Leaders on TV

Leaders of the three main political parties have agreed to be questioned by a studio audience of 500 on ITV 🗪 April 28. They will not face each other in a head-to-bead confrontation. Negotiations for a full televison debate

Girl's reprieve -

Whitney Forrester, 7, who was due to be removed from her family and sent to an orphanage in Jamaica, was granted an eleventh-hour reprieve. He removal was post-poned until April 4 after Jamaican authorities re-quested further information.

Loyalist death

A former Presbyterian minis-ter, the Rev David Temple-ton, has died six weeks after loyalist terrorists burst into his house in Belfast and beat him with nail-studded cudgels as a "punishment" for allegedly importing pornographic videos.

Bail for father

Sion Jenkins, 39, the foster father of Billie-Jo Jenkins, 13. is to be released on bail after spending II days in Lewes prison charged with her murder. He is expected to be released today after a hearing at Lewes Crown Court yesterday.

Conwoman jailed

Elda Beguinua. 52. who tried to pull off a £16 trillion bank fraud was jailed for two years yesterday at Southwark Crown court. After the case. police revealed that she was already a millionairess as a result of previous scams for which she was not charged.

Stretcher honour

A woman who is bedridden with with the bone disorder osteoscierosis attended a Buckingham Palace investiture on a stretcher. Sue Burns, 51, was appointed MBE in the New Year Honours for her work on behalf of fellow sufferers.

Tax return

A man who paid his council tax on time has won a new car from his local authority. Lambeth council, in south London, also offered cash prizes to encourage people to pay promptly. Anyone who paid in advance was eligible to enter the draw.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury asks us to make clear that he did not say that cohabiting couples were "living in shame" as a headline on a report yesterday implied. His point was to remind people that there are moral values worth espousing.

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MPs 'must go'

Continued from page 1 credibility of the Prime Minister and the party."

The rare intervention in the political debate by Mr Branson, who has no plans to endorse any party in the run-up to polling day, will dismay the Tory high command.

The letter came two weeks after Mr Branson met leading Greek politicians in Athens and argued that British politicians could be trusted not to take bribes, which had not always seemed so in the rest of Europe.

He wrote: "When I returned home — to my embarrassment - it seemed that some British politicians may have behaved

Even at this late stage

surely the constituencies in question should change their candidates for the next election - there are many young keen and forthright people who would like to ... serve their country."

Mr Branson said: "Until the extraordinary revelations of the last few days I have always been proud of the fact that Britain is a very special country where favours could not be

bought.
"Both these individuals should step down now. There should be no question of their constituency parties trying to support them. This episode has been one of the most demoralising factors in terms of the way the public regard

Race chiefs maintain legal threat against Armed Forces

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Ministry of Defence was given an official warning yesterday that it had failed to do enough to improve racial equality, and would face legal action unless significant progress was made in a year. The warning from the Com-

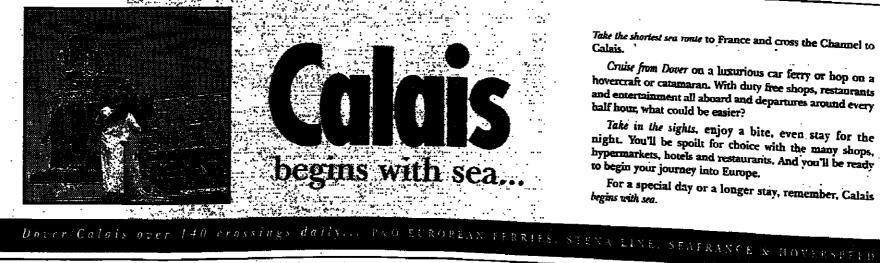
mission for Racial Equality followed a year of monitoring attempts to eliminate discrimination in the Armed Services. After a meeting yesterday, the commission said that it would suspend for another year a decision on whether to serve a non-discrimination notice on the MoD, which would place the ministry under a legally enforceable obligation to carry out specific measures under the Race Relations Act. However, the commission

said that it was dissatisfied with the degree of progress primarily in those areas which give a measure of the levels of commitment and willingness to change attitudes and practice".

When the CRE had agreed to suspend serving a nondiscrimination notice months ago, it drew up a fiveyear action plan. Christopher Boothman, the CRE legal

director, said there had been "no discernible sense of urgency" to face up to the problems. The commissioners could not ignore "highly disturbing" evidence of the "pervasive, longrunning and deeply entrenched problem of racism" in a report by the Office for Public Management.

☐ Angela Sirdar, 31. a former Army chef denied a transfer to the Royal Marines during defence cuts, lost a claim at an industrial tribunal in Norwich. The Marines said recruits had to be capable of being front-line commandos.



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The night that Hollywood lost the plot

Awards leave big names out of the picture

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES AND DALYA ALBERGE

EVERYONE in Hollywood was scripting their own plot for the Oscar results yesterday. Some said they were a victory for little-known stars over big names. Or a victory for independent ideas over the big studios. Or a victory for the British over everyone else.

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Anthony Minghella, from Ryde, who won best director for The English Patient, had even announced from the stage: "This is a great day for the Isle Of Wight."

It was, above all, a night of triumph for The English Patient. The intimate epic of passion and betrayal in the war-torn Mediterranean all but swept the board, spearheading an outsiders' invasion of Hollywood by winning nine awards - including Best Picture — from 12 nominations. It also won a brace of Oscars for technical achievement and Best Supporting Actress for Juliette Binoche, who said that she thought Lauren Bacall

deserved it more.
Ralph Fiennes, The English Patient star who interrupted a West End theatre run to fly in for the big night, was beaten to the Oscar for Best Actor —



Saul Zaentz, producer of The English Patient

along with Tom Cruise - by Australia's Geoffrey Rush, who played the troubled pianist David Helfgott in Shine. In his acceptance speech, Rush hit at music Helfgott's current US concert tour a "circus". A circus, Rush said, was a place for risktaking and inspiration. Helfgott then ran on to tumultuous applause to play The Flight of The Bumble Bee.

Kristin Scott Thomas wore a fixed smile after missing the Best Actress award, which went to Frances McDormand, the memorable pregnant policewoman in Fargo, an American film with British backing.

Just being nominated was "a fantastic way to punctuate the whole story" of The English Patient's success, said

Scott Thomas on her way into a lavish post-Oscar party at the Mondrian hotel, for which she wore a strikingly low-cut black taffeta gown by Christian Lacroix. She admitted:

"Of course, I'm disappointed." Tim Bevan of Working Title, the British company behind Fargo, expressed delight at a second husband-and-wife success. Last year the company had a winner with Dead Man Walking, when Tim Robbins directed wife Susan Sarandon in an Oscar-winning performance. This year Joel Coen directed his wife, Frances, to the same award.

Lord Lloyd-Webber and Sir Tim Rice collected statuettes for You Must Love Me, the night's only prize for Evita. Madonna had performed the song earlier in the ceremony. but Sir Tim described himself since he wrote the lyrics nearly 20 years ago. Lord Lloyd-Webber joked: "Thank heavens there wasn't a song in The English Patient."

Britain's other awards went to the composer Rachel Portman for her score for Emma and to Stuart Craig and Stephenie McMillan for art direction in The English Patient, now one of the most honoured films in Hollywood history and the first since The Last Emperor in 1988 to win nine Oscars. Ben Hur (1959) holds the record with 11.

"It was the best possible outcome; far better than I could have imagined and a tremendous shot in the arm for independent film-making." said an effusive Minghella as he toured the party circuit on Monday night with his wife and two children, Max, 11, and Amanda, who was also celebrating her 18th birthday.

Fears that the 69th Oscars might not attract a mass TV audience because of its lessknown prize-hunters proved unfounded. There was poignance when Mohammed sitting 2ft apart, rose to acknowledge the Oscar for When We Were Kings, a documentary on their 1970s "Rumble in the Jungle" title fight in Zaire. Supported by the man he beat, Ali defied Parkinson's disease to take the

spiring so many people to read the book that its Canadian author Michael Ondaatje is estimated to have made more than £500,000 in royalties. Nearly 500,000 paperbacks have been sold - 180,000 in the past three weeks.



Juliette Binoche won the award for Best Supporting Actress, defeating Lauren Bacall

THE WINNERS

Best picture: The English Patient Actor: Geoffrey Rush, Shine Actress: Frances McDormand,

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Supporting actor: Cuba Gooding Jr. Jerry Maguire Supporting actress: Juliette

Binoche, The English Patient Director: Anthony Minghella. The

Foreign film: Kolya. Czech

Screenplay (based on material previously produced or publishedj: Billy Bob Thornton, Sling Blade Screenplay (written directly for the screen): Ethan Coen and Joel Coen.

Art direction: The English Patient Cinematography: The English

Sound: The English Patient Sound effects editing: The Ghost and the Darkness

Original musical or comedy score: Emma, Rachel Portman Original dramatic score: The English Patient, Gabriel Yared

Original song: You Must Love Me from Evita, Andrew Lloyd Webber

Costume: The English Patient Documentary feature: When We



Music score: Rachel Portman

Documentary (short subject): Breathing Lessons: The Life and Work of Mark O'Brien Film editing: The English Patient Makeup: The Nutty Professor Animated short films: Quest Live action short film: Dear Diary Visual effects: Independence Day Oscar winners previously

announced this year: Irving G. Thalberg memorial award: Saul Zaentz, producer Honorary award: Michael Kidd,

Scientific and technical Oscar: Imax Corp. for its large-format

A British film? No, you will just have to be patient

THE main character is Hungarian, the source material Canadian. The director is British, as are the lead actors: but the technicians fly the flags of all nations and the financing comes from America. Nothing was shot on British soil. This is The English Patient.

The film's victory at the Oscars tells us much about the predilection of the Academy voters. They like visually ravishing romantic epics with European flavour. They disdain popcorn cinema. And who can blame them? In a year when characters have been trampled more than ever by aliens, formadoes and computer effects, how refreshing dally in the desert with

Ralph Fiennes and Kristin But what do the film's nine film industry? In truth, there is no British film industry there has not been one since the studio system and its regular supply of product collapsed nearly 30 years ago. The English Patient proves it. To make a film of this magnitude, the director Anpodium for an ovation.

• The English Patient is inthony Minghella and his other winners had to embrace an

> Zaentz. and journey abroad. Lottery money may help fuse our disparate film ventures into an industry again. but that lies in the uncertain

American producer. Saul

Success for The English Patient is not a rebirth for the British film industry, writes Geoff Brown, our film critic

make films here — British films, not Hollywood product in disguise -- they are smallscale, domestic offerings, often shaped by television money. Films such as Film Four International's Secrets and Lies, by Mike Leigh. It cars, from Best Film down-

wards, but received none. If it had won, British cinema could claim a real victory. It would signal that parochial material, full of modern British phobias, repressions and class conflicts, could reach hearts and minds overseas. Minghella's epic offers

sweeping camerawork, lus-

trous desert landscapes and the hattleground of the Second World War. The crux of Leigh's drama lies with two people talking in a cafe near Holborn. For the Academy voters, there was no contest.

Yet the results give us enough reason to beat our own drum. If we cannot cherish our film talents properly at home, we certainly do a wonderful job of training them and offering them up to the world. The production designer Stuart Craig, awarded an Oscar for The English Patient, is one of the world's very best in a field where British craftsmen have always excelled; this is his third win, following Dangerous Liaisons and Gandhi.

Recognition for Rachel Portman, for her music for Emma, has been longer in coming, though connoisseurs have always appreciated the colour and dramatic support her lilting scores gave to American films such as Used People and Only You.

In 1982, Colin Welland said "the British are coming" as he collected his script Oscar for Chariots of Fire. But the

British are always coming. Down the decades, we have given Hollywood Chaplin, Hitchcock, Ronald Colman, and too many others to list. plus those ace scriptwriters Jane Austen and William Shakespeare.

Now we have offered up Anthony Minghella as the heir apparent of David Lean. He is being inundated with scripts, some of which he might shoot in this country. His win should be savoured, but it leaves our "film industry" in much the same state as before.



Isle of Wight celebrates

Continued from page i thing back to the island which has given me so much," he said. "A lot of the way I think and feel about life comes from growing up there." At the Medina Theatre in

Newport, where The English Patient is showing, all last night's tickets were sold. David Holder, box office manager, said: "We have been turning people away - it's been booked solid every night

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the island is pleased and says how wonderful that such a classy film should have been made by someone who came from this community."

Brian and Lorna Braiding were among those with tickets last night. "I'm really looking forward to seeing this," said Mr Braiding. "It makes it even better that The English Patient was made by someone from here - it has given this community quite a boost."

Last night Morris Barton, the council leader, who is on an exchange visit to Virginia, said: "News of Anthony's Oscar awards has been a tremendous filip for us in boosting the Isle of Wight.

"It could not have been timed better and we now expect thousands of Americans to visit Minghella country. He has put the Isle of Wight on



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You are a very dangerous woman, judge tells teenager who killed when she was 12

Youngest female murderer jailed for stabbing

By Daniel McGrory

BRITAIN'S youngest female murderer was ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's Pleasure yesterday after being found guilty of killing a woman when she was just 12.

Sharon Carr, now aged 17, stabbed 18-year-old hairdresser Karie Rackliff to death, a jury at Winchester Crown Court decided. The judge said it was in the public interest to name Carr, whose identity had not been revealed at the trial, and told her as he passed sentence: "You are a very dangerous young woman."

There were gasps of relief from Miss Rackliff's parents, who had sat in the public gallery of the packed court-room as the verdict was announced. Her father, Joe, raised his arms above his head. Detectives will now interview Carr again in an attempt to find out who she was with on the night of the killing.

Carr looked as though she had fainted as the jury of seven men and five women returned their guilty verdict after six hours of deliberation. She sat slumped in her seat as her defence counsel handed her a glass of water. But by the time her previous convictions were being read out the heavily built teenager stood smiling in the dock.

Outside the court Mr Rackliff stood with his wife, Helen, and his daughter Joanne, and told how he believed Carr deserved capital punishment and that he wished she would "rot in hell". He said the family were still distressed that others involved had not yet been caught.

The family had listened to evidence of how their daughter's body was found with multiple stab wounds near a cemetery at Farnborough, Hampshire, on June 7, 1992. She was last seen leaving Ragamuffins nightclub, where she had made an unsuccessful attempt at a reconciliation with her boyfriend. Staff remember "she seemed the worse for wear".

Her half-naked body was had done that killin found four miles away five put it, turns you on."

hours later. The murder inquiry was one of the most intensive ever mounted by Hampshire police but they had no idea of Carr's involvement until her confession to a prison warder to whom she was sexually attracted.

During questioning she gave three different accounts of the night she killed Miss Rackliff, naming two boys. Police say they had nothing to do with the murder.

Carr had claimed Miss Racklift tried to entice the boys away from her. Then she claimed she killed the attractive blonde hairdresser after the boys had raped her.

She later retracted all these stories but the jury heard how she gave away three crucial pieces of evidence that only the killer could have known.

She had detailed knowledge of Miss Rackliff's stolen bracelet, details of the scene of the crime and her admission how she had molested the victim after stabbing her at least 32 times with a seven-inch knife. Miss Rackliff suffered wounds to her heart, liver, lungs and stomach, and her private parts had been mutilated. The court also heard extracts from Carr's diaries and letters, in which she described the killing in gruesome detail. Tape recordings were played of her interviews with the police, in which she tells of Miss

Rackliff's screams.

In her diary Carr said she decided to have "a payback life" because nobody had listened to her problems. She picked Miss Rackliff as a victim because "I needed to overcome her beauty, her serenity, her security".

In November 1995 she wrote: "Killing did me good. Now I know what I am capable of and I will do it again." Mr Justice Scott Barr told her: "What is clear is that you had a sexual motive for this killing and it is apparent both from the brutal manner in which you mutilated her body and chilling entries in your diary recording what you had done, that killing, as you put it, turns you on."



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Sharon Carr's secret diaries contained pictures of knives, her grievances at society, and details of her feelings of sexual gratification at the murder of Katie Rackliff, right

Girl who thought she was a 'natural born killer'

BY DANIEL McGrory

THE diaries of Sharon Carr revealed how a precocious schoolgirl thought of herself as a "natural born killer" who murdered one girl stabbed another and tried to strangle two more women.

For three years she had kept the secret of how she mutilated and molested Katie Rackliff, an 18-year-old hairdresser, though she recorded in explicit detail the sexual gratification the killing gave her.

Carr. who was born in Belize, was caught only because she boasted about her crime to a woman prison officer. Annette Cini, whom she wanted to impress sexually. She was then at Bullwood Hall young offenders' institute after being convicted of stabbing a girl at Collingwood

School in Camberley, Surrey, where teachers remember her as being a "polite, helpful and above-average student".

Carr stabbed a 13-year-old girl in the back, puncturing a lung. The girl remembers staring at Carr's face: "I could see she was smiling, but she

Susan Carpenter, the vice principal, said: "She had lots of older friends, boys and girls. A lot of the staff liked her, they found her very refreshing." She was describing a girl who by then had killed Kate Rackcliff by stabbing her 32 times. Some of the blows were so powerful the knife went right through the victim's body.

Mrs Carpenter believed it was after Carr had problems at home, with her parents separating, that she became aggressive and an attention-seeker who used her physical strength to bully other girls. In June 1994 — almost two years to the day after Katie Rackcliff was killed —

back, puncturing a lung. The girl remembers staring at Carr's face. "I could see she was smiling, but she looked angry as well." Carr then pointed the three-inch blade at her victim and threatened to kill her if she told anyone.

It was while she was on remand at the Middlesex Lodge Assessment Centre in Hillingdon that Carr tried to strangle two women staff in separate attacks. In December 1994 she was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm and ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's Pleasure. Despite hours of questioning by police, probation staff and social workers Carr never breathed a word about the murder.

Staff at Bullwood Hall encourage juvenile offenders "to confront their

past" in discussion groups but it was Carr's "crush" on Miss Cini that motivated her to break her long silence.

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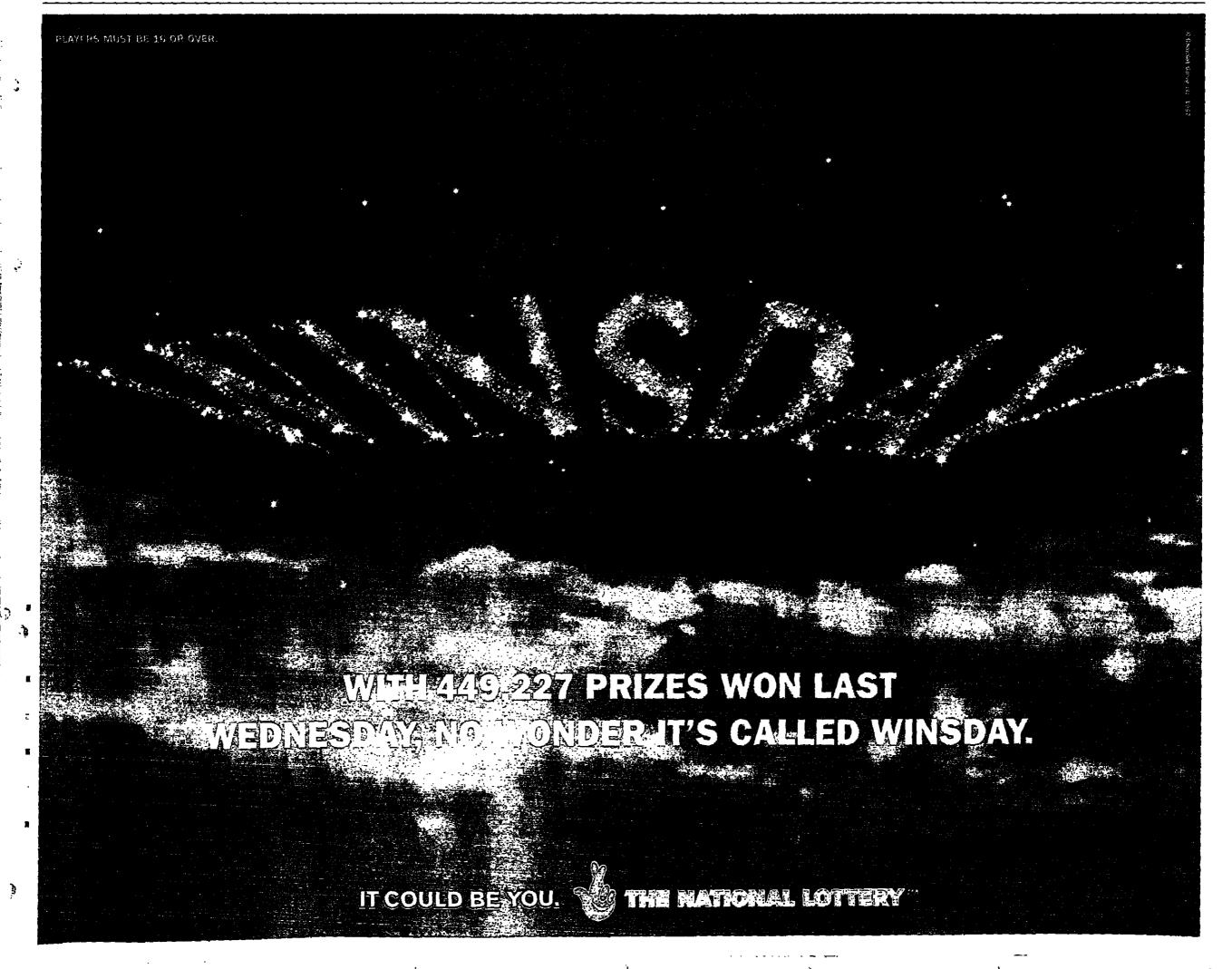
In the loft of her home in Camberley police found a scrap of paper on which she had written: "I'm a killer: killing is my business and business is good." In letters to a friend she wrote: "I swear I was born to be a murderer" and boasted how she had "a heart of terror".

Diaries and poems contained graphic descriptions of how Katie's murder both thrilled and haunted her. One entry recorded how "I enjoyed putting the blade up her, it made me feel powerful".

On January 13, 1995, she wrote "Remember KR. Oh God she did get me going so hot, pity really. I think about it and my head is spinning but against the cops I'm winning." Carr told staff at Bullwood that she regretted never knowing her real father, who left her mother, Maria, shortly after she was born. She came to Britain when her mother married a soldier serving in Belize.

Since her first conviction Carr has been held at a number of young offenders' units but in January this year she was sent to Holloway Prison. A leading criminal psychologist, Professor Gordon Tressler, said he found it "very difficult to understand" the killing and had failed to find any precedents for it.

He described her as an "extremely dangerous person because she is clearly prepared to kill without an adequate motive". "That makes her conduct very unpredictable and very



Campaigners save Marconi Collection for Science Museum

SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Marconi Collection of historic items from the earliest days of radio is to be given to the Science Museum after a Uturn by the electronics firm GEC-Marconi, which origi-

nally planned to auction it. The sale of 1,000 items of equipment and archives relating to Guglielmo Marconi's development of the invention was halted after protests. including one from Marconi's daughter, Princess Elettra Marconi, which appeared in The Times.

The auction was abandoned a month ago and the results of the negotiations, announced vesterday by the company, have resulted in a complete success for those apposed to the break-up of the collection. The Princess said it was "wonderful news".

This is the best thing that could happen," she said from her home in Rome. "It's a wonderful day to think that the whole collection is saved and will remain in England." The Science Museum.

which will take responsibility for the long-term conservation of the 250 items of equipment and the 750 letters or documents, will lend many items for display in Chelmsford, where Marconi set up the first radio factory in the world. The byrough council is planning to set up a science discovery centre and is hoping for money from the lottery fund.

PILOTS of light aircraft may

be banned from performing

aerobatics after new figures

showed human error was to

blame for recent fatal crashes.

The Civil Aviation Authority

said yesterday that ill-judged

low-altitude aerobatics were

responsible for nearly one in

five fatal accidents in 1985-94.

private-pilot licence holders be

banned from performing solo

aerobatics until they earn a

special aerobatic rating. Pilots

will have to attend special

The CAA recommends that



Marconi's daughter wrote to The Times

Saving Marconi archive for nation From Mrs Elettra Marconi

Sir. I was appalled to read in The Times that the archives of the Chekus-for "bose" room or "action use "o

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The papers will go to the Essex County Council archive, where they will be available to scholars.

Sir Geoffrey Pattie, chair-man of GEC-Marconi, said that the company was "abso-lutely delighted" to have come to an agreement with the Science Museum. He said that, before deciding on the sale, the company had looked

Pilots' wings may be clipped after

aerobatics cause high death toll

training and have a proficien-

flying instructors should be

reviewed, particularly in re-

spect of navigation and wea-

ther training, the CAA added.

166 fatal accidents involving

light aircraft and helicopters

between 1985 and 94, with 234

people killed in fixed-wing

aircraft and 46 in helicopters.

The CAA said the three-year

moving average of accidents

over the ten years had fallen.

A report showed there were

The training syllabus for

check every two years.

at the options available for preserving the collection, but had not made much progress. Since the sale had been announced, he said, the company had received constructive proposals from the Science Museum and Chelms-

we had those possibilities, the whole scene opened up." The company originally valued the collection at El million, now revised to £3 million. The proceedings of the sale were to be used to fund "Marconi Days" for teachers. organised by the Institution of Electronic Engineers and designed to raise their skills in electronics. Now GEC-Marco-

other resources. The items in the collection date back a century to when Marconi arrived in Britain from Italy with the aim of making radio communication a reality. He did so with the help of the Post Office, later founding the company that still bears his name.

ni will fund the initiative from

John Sutherland, a former managing director of Marconi Radar whose letter to The Times protesting about the sale was instrumental in rally-ing opposition, said yesterday: "I'm absolutely delighted. This is an excellent decision from which everyone will benefit: the public, the Science Museum, Chelmsford and the good name of GEC-Marconi. No recriminations — this is the right thing to do and I'm

but added: "Most of the more

recent accidents, caused in the

main by human error, could

At present, private pilot

licence holders can continue to

fly without any proficiency

check providing they fly for at

least five hours every 13

months. The CAA said it

would also "review the avail-

ability, clarity and layout of all

information necessary in the

United Kingdom for safe and

legal general aviation [light

have been avoided."



Dr Moses with Great Paul, the bell that was hung at St Paul's Cathedral in 1882

Lunch bell will ring out over City once again

BRITAIN'S largest bell has been restored and will chime at ipm today at St Paul's Cathedral for the first time since 1991. Great Paul, the 17-ton bell that used to summon City apprentices back from lunch, has not been heard since the clapper cracked. The bell. cast in 1882 by John Taylors of Loughborough, was repaired by

Cast Iron Research of Alvechurch after the law firm Baker and McKenzie, neighbours of St Paul's. stepped in with £10,000 towards the £25,000 cost after reading of the bell's plight in The Times. Dr John Moses. Dean of St Paul's, said: "We are delighted that Great Paul will be heard across the City once more."

Go-ahead puts Royal Opera on the road

By DALYA ALBERGE AND ALASDAIR STEVEN

PERFORMERS and promoters were breathing sighs of relief yesterday as it emerged that the Arts Council had approved two-year itineraries for the Royal Opera and the Royal Ballet, just 16 weeks before the two companies become homeless.

An official announcement is due on Thursday following a board meeting today at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, which is closing for two years for redevelopment However, sources revealed that the Royal Opera's productions will range from The Merry Widow at the Shaftesbury Theatre in London, to Brinen's rarely heard Paul Bunyan at the East Anglian Opera Festival. The Royal Ballet's schedule will include Cinderella at the Royal Festival Hall and a tour of Japan.

The decision means that contracts with singers can be drawn up and venues leased Long delays have led to confusion, with agents expressing frustration and potential sponsors feeling nervous. The management of the Royal Opera had not been able to book venues and artists until it had the go-ahead from the Arts Council, which in turn would not sanction expenditure until it had a schedule of

performances.

Lord Chadlington, new chairman of the Royal Opera House board, told a recent meeting: "The financial situation is very serious. We have an accumulated deficit approaching £3.5 million at the end of the last financial year. In the current year, we are going to increase that. We do not know how much, but certainly by a significant sum. We have got to sort out the finances once and for all."

Immediate plans after the July closure also include short visits to New York's Metropolitan Opera House with the Royal Opera's Palestrina and the Royal Ballet's The Prince of the Pagodas. American

backers will pay travel costs. The Royal Opera will appear at the Edinburgh Festival and the Barbican Centre in London. The ballet company will perform Tchaikovsky at Labatts Apollo,

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Connolly: bad language

BBC earns swearing reprimand

The Broadcasting Standards Council has criticised the BBC for the use of offensive" language after 75 view-ers complained about a series presented by the comedit

Billy Connolly.

The BBC said that the extracts from Connolly's stage act, which contained the bad language, were integra to Billy Connolly's World
Tour of Australia.

Hanratty delay

The family of James Hanratty, hanged in 1962, are disappointed because the Home Secretary has had no time to consider an appeal plea and has referred the case to the new Criminal Cases Review Commission.

Vote forms torged

Dilys Lewis, 37, was jailed for two months for forging eight proxy voting forms for elections to the new Rhondda Cynon Taff Council in 1995. The former Mid Glamorgan councillor still failed by more than 100 votes to gain a seal.

Towels too hot

Woolworths has had to pulp 250,000 copies of its quarterly magazine Good Idea! after a spring-cleaning tip back-fired. It suggested sterilising tea towels in a microwave oven but some readers' tow els burst into flames.

Drinks hiccup

The Victoria Wine Company is to review its promotions after it offered the Thanet Alcohol Project at Margate. Kent, which helps alcoholics, gift-wrapped bottles and interest-free credit on deliveries of wines and spirits.

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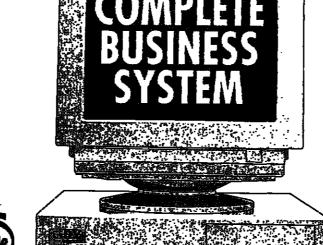
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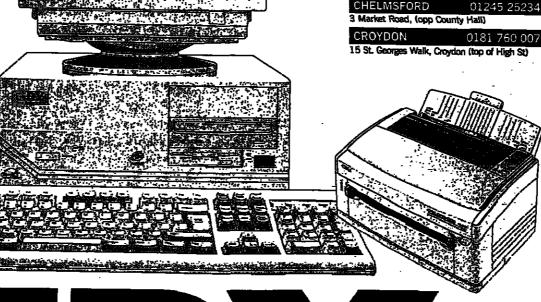
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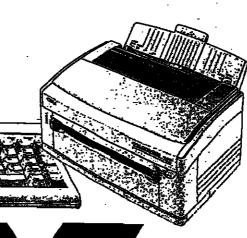
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Young stars are in a 'dangerous playground', says Sandie Shaw, counsellor

Pop survivor issues health warning to the Spice Girls

warning yesterday by the Sixties star Sandie Shaw, in a university conference on the dangers of stress to musicians. Ms Shaw, now 50 and a counsellor, singled out the Spice Girls as she talked of the risks in a dangerous play-

In an age when even orchestral musicians were reported to be turning to drink and drugs to cope with stress, she advised the pop singers com-peting for the adulation of teenage fans never to mistake their public images with

Modern pop stars from Oasis to the Spice Cirls were forced to undergo the "painful process of growing up in the glare of the spotlight". Citing the deaths of Elvis Presley. Janis Joolin and Kurt Cobain as examples of those who found it impossible to cope with stardom, she said: "Today's stars have a shorter shelf life than ever."

Ms Shaw, from Dagenham, was just 17 when she rose to fame in the swinging London of 1964. Her number-one hits There's Always Something There To Remind Me, Long Live Love, and

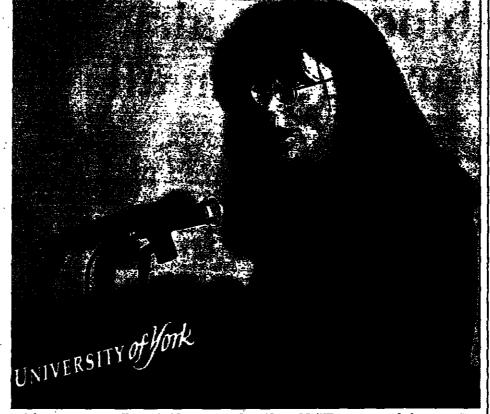
won the 1967 Eurovision Song was her last big seller, in 1969, although 15 years later she collaborated with the Smiths on their single Hand in Glove. That went to 27 in the charts.

Her trademark gimmick was bare feet. The Spice Girls, who bare rather more, have had four consecutive numberone hits and are currently espousing a "girl power manifesto.

Speaking to an audience of professional classical musicians at a York University conference organised by the British Association for Performing Arts Medicine Trust. Ms Shaw identified the Spice Girls as the "current symbol of sexual availability and youthful confidence".

Urging artists to avoid burn-out by recognising that their public persona was just a pretence, she said: "Only one person can be top of the pops at any time and pressure is immense to keep on producing hits. Rock stars live a life outside the boundaries and limitations of ordinary morexcitement and fun, but it is a

dangerous playground.*



The stress counsellor: Ms Shaw yesterday. She said: "The pressure is immense"

rock stars could also wreck the lives of classical musicians. An international study of 1,600 rofessionals in 56 orchestras found that one in five took prescription drugs to calm their nerves before a perfor-

The study also discovered that one musician in ten had more than one month off a year through ill health. Others took beta-blockers to slow the heart beat or alcohol to cope with the stress.

Jilly Black, the conference organiser, said that Ms Shaw had been invited to provide a about classical and jazz music. She added: "Because of her experience, Sandie is the ideal woman to talk about the pressures facing rock musicians, which we feel it is important our delegates know

Ms Shaw now concentrates her time on the Arts Clinic, a non-profit-making organisation in London devoted to the psychological well-being of artists, musicians and perfor-

She admitted to nerves be fore her unaccustomed public speaking role, but was accordby the 200-strong audience. She said later: "It's the first time I've done this, so I was gripping the lectern for dear life. I prefer talking to an audience like this rather than performing because I do not

have to play a role.
"Most of the people in the audience came from a classical background where there is a tendency to trivialise rock music, so I was walking a tightrope

I prefer counselling to singing, it's much more challeng ing. I still sing occasionally but only when people pay me a

Older mothers more likely to have triplets

more common than ever because older mothers are nore likely to have multiple births, according to government statistics.

Growing numbers of women are delaying having children until their thirties or even forties because they are more likely to take a degree, find a career and use contraception than previous generations. Many who delay then give birth to two, three or more children — a likelihood which increases with a woman's age.

The number of triplets and larger multiple births in-creased from 54 in England and Wales in 1938 to 289 in 1995, according to the Office for National Statistics. Twins have increased from 7.400 a year pre-war to 8,700 now.

Although much of the increase is because of fertility treatments, a detailed study published in yesterday's Population Trends shows that

TRIPLETS and twins are caused by the trend towards alder motherhood. The number of women getting pregnant in their late thirties has risen by 67 per cent since 1974, while there has been a decline in pregnancies among those in their twenties. Teenage pregnancy has more than

halved over the same period. A woman in her late thirties is three times as likely to have twins as a teenage mother. and twice as likely as a woman in her early twenties.

With triplets, the figures are even more striking. A woman in her late 30s is 17 times as likely as a teenager, and six times as likely as a woman in her early 20s, to have three or more babies at once.

Mysteriously, the propor-tion of identical twins is increasing. In 1938, there were three sets of non-identical twins for every pair of identical babies. Now nearly half of all twins are identical. The causes which make identical twins more likely are still

A leading cancer doctor said an increase in the ed to the sharp rise in cases Renella Woll, senior lecturer in clinical oncology at Nottingham University,

"Pregnancy seems to pro-tect against breast cancer and, as women are having fewer children and are delaying childbearing unthirties, that may be one of the reasons this form of

Jockey's grounding after fall preserves grey cells

TONY McCOY, the 22-year-old jockey who had hoped to ride Belmont King in the Grand National, was knocked unconscious when his horse fell at Utioxeter last Tuesday. When doctors and paramedics study their watches as

The pop star: Sandie

they gather around an injured jockey they are not only recording their patient's pulse and respiratory rate, but are taking careful note of filst how long it is before the rider is the depth of his coma.

The time a jockey is unconscious not only gives an indi-

The Jockey Club



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

constrious for less than a minute may ride again after seven days: over a minute and three weeks. It was eventually agreed, after initial doubts. that McCoy had been unconscious for more than a minute at Uttoxeter, and as a result his 20-I mount at Aintree will now have to be ridden by

someone eise. McCoy's brief period of unconsciousness would be classified as concusof any gross injury to the brain and none that, once he had recovered from his tumble, there was any residual

In concussion, much of the harm to the brain is caused by it being shaken about within the cavity of the skull. The consistency of the brain is similar to that of a well-set blancmange and so it is very sensitive to the effects of rapid acceleration or deceleration.

Although modern racing caps and spinal protection have greatly reduced the incidence of neurological injuries suffered by professional riders, X-rays of a jockey's skull often show that they are crisscrossed with old fractures.

More serious head injuries may result in torn blood vessels. At the time of the injury, when shock, pain and concussion may lower the blood pressure, the casualty may soon appear to be fully conscious and little injured. When the blood pressure returns to normal the severed blood vessel bleeds, and the patient may collapse with an intracerebral haemorrhage.

All head injuries, particularly if they have caused even momentary unconsciousness must be taken seriously. Mc-Coy may well be grateful that the Jockey Club has worried about the preservation of his

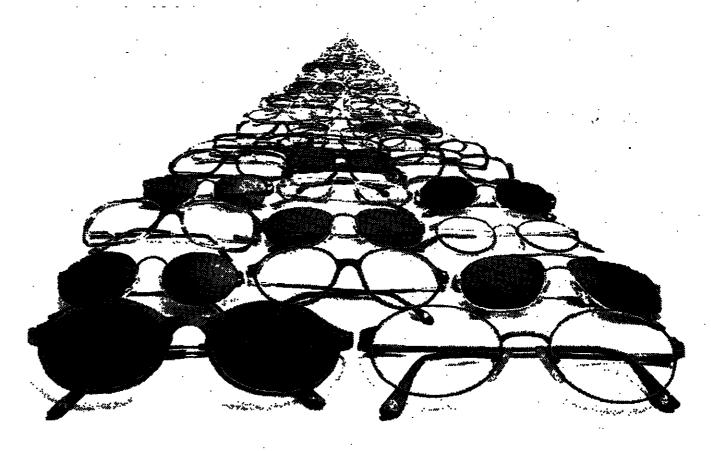




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Omdurman diary tells of the bloody cavalry charge to end them all

IT WAS a bloody flourish at the height of British imperialism — a traditional cavalry charge into the Infernal Regions": Frightful slaughter of enemy. Horrible sights of dead and dying. Men on all fours creeping, finally giving up and lying down to die. It seems to be blood, blood, blood everywhere."

So wrote Lieutenant Robert Smyth in a graphic account of bravery and carnage at the battle of Omdurman, nearly a century ago. His diary entry describes a battle in which superior weaponry overcame the fanatical Dervish hordes as the British Army mounted what is generally considered to be its last cavalry charge.

The 30-year-old Smyth, a general's son, led a platoon of the 21st Lancers which bore the brunt of the fighting. He had little sympathy to spare for the enemy. "It is like the Infernal Regions," he wrote in the diary for his sister, Alice. "I never saw anything so disgusting. Crowds of horses and donkeys all died. I believe the Soudanese [sic] raided and slaughtered the night after the



General Thomas Eastwood

way, every man we captured should have been shot at once then and there, cold blooded or not. If you had seen the condition of our dead

you would have said the same." The previously unpublished diary is to be sold tonight at the auction house of Henry Aldridge & Son in Devizes, Wiltshire, along with an archive of material relating to Smyth's nephew, General Thomas

Seennd World War, Both are offered by a member of the family. Smyth gripping account of Omdurman. which confirmed the British reconquest of the Sudan and avenged the death of General Gordon at Khartourn, is expected to fetch around ELOOD. His nephew's archive should make considerably more

Andrew Aldridge, the auctioneer. said yesterday "Reading Smyth's diary brines a lump to my throat. I could see the battle untolding before

Despite the carnage, Smyth, who survived his wounds to become a much-decorated brigadier-general in the First World War, was proud to have taken part. "Wise or unwise. it was a brave deed nobly done. If proved that cavalry still existed and that we did not come here to play at mounted infantry

and galloping aimlessly Regular inferno. My left-hand man drops. his horse shot under him. Bullets whistling and splashing all around Every side a compact mass of whiterobed men, apparently countless. still firing and waving swords "Man bolts out leading two

Earlier he wrote. Horses lame

I guard it with sword. Next, man with fat face, all in white, having fired, missed me, throw- up both hands, I cut him across the face. He drops, Large bearded man in blue, with two edged sword, cuts at me. Think this

man on foot. Cuts at my right front.

misses me. Another cut at my horse but luckily only cuts through my breastplate and gives my horse a small flesh wound. See Major munilated). He went on: "No mess. No rations

him. I am just too late." The battle over, Smyth wrote: "Words are passed on, 'Poor Gren-fell killed', '2,000 men', 'Brinton

Wyndham running. Gallop to help

and Dauncey at first mistook Gren fell for me, he was so horribb

... I was ill and in pain but I got some opium and other medicale and am now feeling all right again." The diary was written on September 4, 1898, two days after the battle.



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History of Russia wins book prize

By ERICA WAGNER

ORLANDO FIGES's sweeping historical study, A Peo-ple's Tragedy: The Russian Revolution 1891-1924 (Cape, £25), has beaten such literary contenders as Margaret Atwood's Alias Grace (Bloomsbury) and Graham Swift's Last Orders (Picador) to win the £10,000 1997 W H

Smith Literary Award. Norman Stone, Oxford Professor of Modern History, has described Mr Figes as the leading historian of as the leading instorian of Russia of his generation. The author, a university lecturer in history and Fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge, is the son of the novelist Eva Figes and the brother of the writer Kate Figes.

Mr Figes said yesterday:
"History is a part of litera-

ture. This seems part of a trend. Quite a lot of historians have picked up prizes for literary endeavours: history is returning to narrative and returning to the general readpride." Hermione Lee's *Vir*ginia Woolf (Chatto) was the only other non-fiction work Deane's Reading in the Dark (Cape) and Roddy Doyle's The Woman Who Walked Into Doors (Cape)

were also on the list.

Hitman parents walk free

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A COUPLE who hired a hitman to beat up their daughter's violent lover walked free from court yesterday.

John Llewellyn, a businessman, and his wife, Maureen. both 50, had described a fouryear "living nightmare" after their daughter fell for a schizophrenic. Mrs Llewellyn said: It was just our love for her that led us to this drastic

The couple met Stephen Pellow, a security expert, after their daughter's lover had struck her days after she gave birth. The intended hitman went to the police and the couple, from Michaelstone-y-Fedw, near Newport, were

Charges of soliciting murder were dropped but Mr Llewellyn admitted soliciting Mr Pellow to commit grievous bodily harm and was given a two-year suspended jail sentence. Mrs Llewellyn admitted soliciting to cause actual bodily harm and was put on

After being released yesterday, the couple hugged outside Swansea Crown Court and said it was the end of "our nightmare". Mr Llewellyn said: "I'm very relieved that the judge has shown compassion. It was terrible seeing our daughter suffer."

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Lottery millions fund construction as big as 13 Albert Halls — but what goes inside remains a mystery

Lift-off for dome starts millennium countdown

ON PAPER, the Millennium Doine looks not unlike a giant whoopee cushion pierced with cocktail sticks. In reality, it will be hig enough to take 13 Albert Hails — or 50,000 people. The "cocktail sticks" are steel lattice girders over 100m high, each supporting a forest of tension wires.

Only in the planning appli-cation, which has now been approved by Greenwich council, does the stupendous scale of the dome, designed by the Richard Rogers Partnership. become apparent: the dimensions have been expanded so that the diameter measures 360m instead of 320m.

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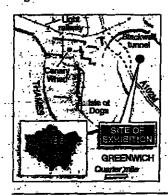
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The organisers, renamed Millennium Central, have a firm offer of £200 million of lottery cash, plus a guarantee of £250 million from the Millennium Commission. The latter is subject to reassessment, but not cancellation, by an

The contract for the steel will be signed within the month and McAlpine Laing are on board as construction managers. Debate is still raging about the fabric roof.

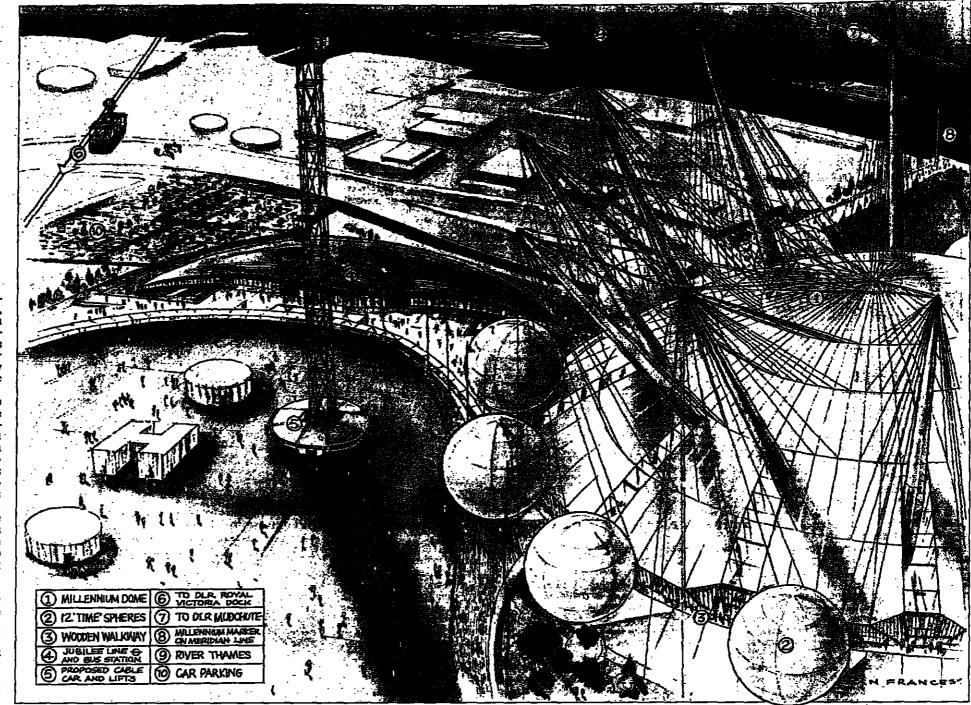


Greenpeace has objected vig-orously to the use of PVC, which it claims is noxious in both manufacture and disposal, producing vast quantities of carcinogenic dioxins. For the organisers, PVC is simply far cheaper than any of the alternatives.

Another problem is what to do with the the dome after the two-year Millennium Exhibition ends. Millennium Central is committed to taking it down unless they can convince English Partnerships, the owners of the site, otherwise. A favoured long-term solution is the creation of a "sports city". The clear floor space is large enough for football, athletics or a velodrome. However, the Sports Council is unlikely to make a commitment until it sees the dome in action.

It also remains to be seen whether the dome can attract sufficient visitors to fuel the revised budget, down from £700 million to £583 million. Initial forecasts were based on an average ticket income of £20 a head from 12 million visitors over two years. The 1994 Seville Expo attracted 52 million visitors but that was an international event and included many repeat visits. The Greenwich exhibition is very definitely a national af-

The exhibition designers, Imagination, originally planned that the central theme would be a play on time, but this has a ring of Disney's well-established Epcot in Florida. The main attractions are now likely to be events held under the centre of the dome, in the style of Lloyd-Webber



The Millennium Exhibition site at Greenwich features a massive dome, new Underground and bus stations and, possibly, a cable car system spanning the River Thames

extravaganzas, staged between two to six times a day and lasting an hour to 90 minutes. They will feature such broad themes as spirituality, the young, education and ecology. More events could be held in the plaza outside, possibly including cir-cuses and the Royal Tour-

A major problem for the organisers is the blasted-heath

appearance of the site. There is not a tree to be seen and, capped over beneath the surface, are decades of industrial pollution. With all the building work, there is unlikely to be a blade of grass growing on December 31, 1999, and trees will have to be planted on raised banks to avoid their roots touching poisoned soil. Although the exhibition is to be car-free, the organisers

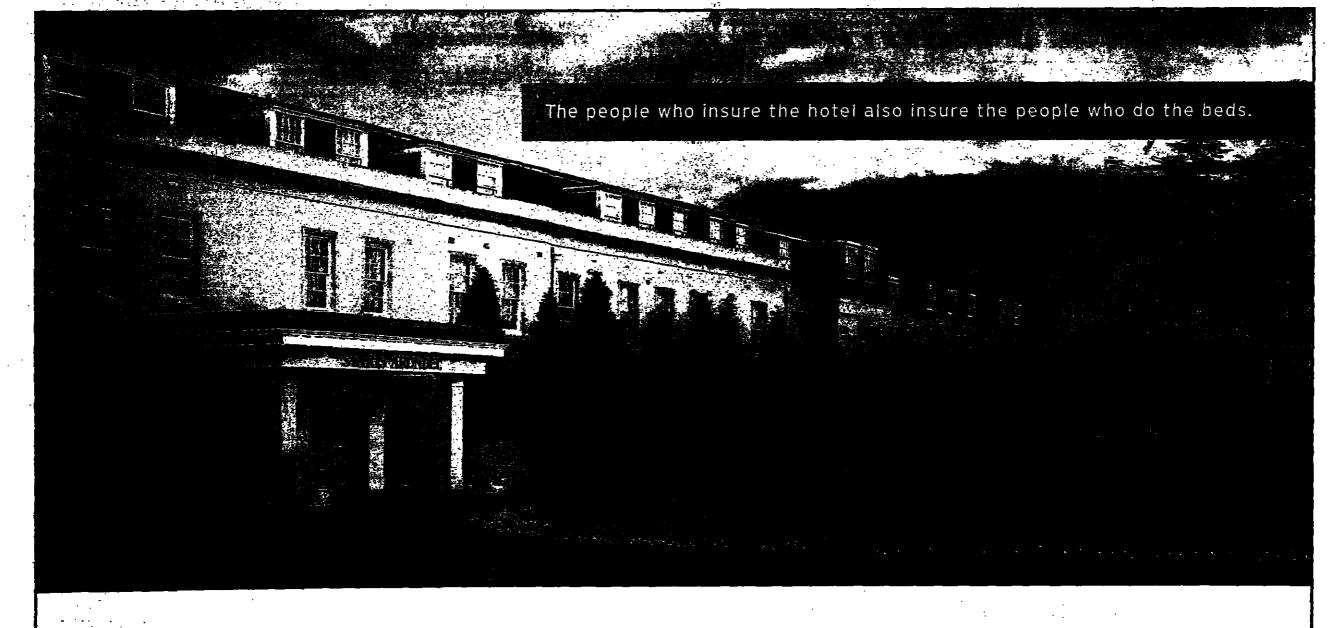
have conceded that many visi-tors will arrive by road and nearly half the site is taken up by parking space. The good news is that the Jubilee Line Underground extension, to be opened in September next year, goes into the heart of the site, to a spectacular new underground station by the architect Will Alsop (with a bus station by Sir Norman Foster on top). Tube journey

times from Waterloo are 15 minutes, and less from Stratford. London Transport says it can run up to 30 trains an hour in each direction.

A commercially funded cable car system, linking the exhibition site with two Docklands Light Railway stations north of the river, is another possibilty. However, the best way to arrive will be by water.

which are to be refurbished. Jenny Page, chief executive of Millennium Central, said: We are looking at park-and-sail at Barking. We'll provide facilities but not subsidies for river boat operators and I'm confident the exhibition will be a long-term boost to river

The 1,000-day countdown to the Millennium will begin on April 6. While the dome may be on the critical path to completion, the content of the exhibition has still to be decided. The lottery millions are riding on Imagination's Gary Withers, the designer best known for his dramatic floodlighting of the Lloyd's building. The British calendar is packed with ever more successful events and festivals and Mr Withers is well aware that he has to cap them all.





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Heseltine revels in the pressures of office

WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE post of Deputy Prime Minister should never become a formal part of the constitution, Michael Heseltine said last night.

He did not refer to Tony Blair and his relationship with John Prescott, but his target was unmistakable.

"I would not advise a Prime Minister to regard it of right, unless you have that very personal relationship," he said. "It is a job of great potential but it cannot be done if the relationship is not based on mutual trust and respect. If that does not exist I would advise a Prime Minister not to create it."

Mr Heseltine has been Mr Major's official deputy since July 1995, occupying a light and spacious Cabinet Room overlooking the Downing Street garden. The office is hung with paintings from the government art collection, selected by his wife, Anne. It was previously used for conferences and receptions but at 29ft square is short of the size of a tennis court, to which it was likened when Mr Heseltine moved in.

The last time a minister was awarded the seals of office as First Secretary of State was when Barbara Castle was given the honour in 1968-70. Mr Heseltine's role has been markedly different. He has operated as the Prime Minister's chief troubleshooter in Whitehall, driving through the legislative business and resolving divisions between ministers. He has coordinated the presentation of government policy and acted as a conduit for backbenchers to air their concerns.

"As a committee chairman with the authority of this job !



Michael Heseltine in his office. "Banging heads together sounds like blood and guts on the floor and I can say clearly that is not my style," he said

sounds like blood and guts on the floor and I can say clearly

that is not my style." Mr Heseltine sits on fourteen Cabinet committees, chairs nine and has the authority of the Prime Minister to attend any Cabinet sub-

committee he chooses. When Mr Heseltine arrived at the Cabinet Office he introduced a management system where every member of staff

every Cabinet post but one that disappears as soon as he noves department.

He set up the daily strategy meeting to co-ordinate policy and insisted that Whitehall departments feed information into the Cab-E-Net computer system to signal policy announcements, potential problems and issues likely to arise. The influence Mr Heseltine

Prime Minister's office to another minister has the poexerts in government is largetreated seriously by officials and ministers. But Mr

Heseltine said: The only varience in Cabinet. He was sensitive to the political reality lidity of the call to another of his new post and knew that minister is that people know it resentful Cabinet could is being done with the PM's block him. But he has won the support. The office would be respect of senior colleagues. greatly duminished if it did not who dubbed him the Jacques carry the PM's authority."

Senior officials in Whitehall the office in the Cabinet Office has litted a burden from the Prime Minister, Mr Heseltine Prime Minister is a man who draws burdens on himself. He

works prodigiously. If I take away some of the load then it is because he fills the gap with other things he wants to do." Mr Heseltine said that any

government would be split at the top if there was not a close personai relazionship between the Prime Minister and his You must remember that

Cabinet colleagues have clear views and there is always the

why you have to have the trust of the PM and the support of colleagues in this role.

A political source said last week: "Mr Heseltine picks up the phone and will ask a senior colleague to come and have a word on something. They do not take exception because he is doing it. It might be a bit different if John Prescott told Robin Cook or Gordon Brown he was a bit worried about something on

Redwood supports right to campaign over race

By Adrian Lee AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

TORY election candidates should have the right to make immigration a campaign issue, the former Welsh Secretary John Redwood said

yesterday. Speaking in Enoch Powell's former constituency of Wolverhampton South West, he: gave his support to the sitting. MP, Nicholas Budgen, who believes that Labour will operate a more open policy on immigration and who has threatened to campaign on the issue in defiance of John

Major's wishes. Yesterday Mr Redwood visited a factory in Wolverhampton run by an Asian businessman, John Matto, who supports strict controls on immigration. Mr Redwood said that immigration was bound to become an issue in constituencies where there was a large ethnic population. "It is inevitable if Labour is going to put forward such radical plans that people want to ask questions," he said.

Mr Budgen has been accused of raising fears over immigration to save his career. He is defending a majority of less than 5,000. He said he believed that a Labour government would result in a major influx of Asian males and it was a scandal that Labour would not discuss the issue. "We have not had the rivers of blood lpredicted by Mr Powell| because we have had strict immigration controls," he said.

Mr Major, in Birmingham yesterday on the latest leg of his campaign tour, urged his colleagues in the region to avoid making immigration an issue in the run up to the election. The Prime Minister, who was visiting Baverstock School in King's Heath, was pressed over the decision by Mr Budgen and other West Midlands MPs to raise the issue of immigration at a local

He denied that the MPs were "playing the race card" Conservative MPs to campaign for the same rights for every person, irrespective of background, race, colour or religion. "As far as I am concerned, they have the same rights, the same opportunities. the same choices and the same obligations as everyone else and that is the Conservative

☐ Paddy Ashdown coined a day, urging politicians to be less stuck up and get more stuck in". The Liberal Democrat leader used the phrase after using a JCB to shovel plastic bottles at a recycling plant in Surrey.

Rifkind and Cook are closer on Europe than they pretend

Chirac of the Government -

he can see problems coming.

Today a call from the Depu-

The Tories and Labour are both misleading voters over the choices facing Britain in Europe. Malcolm Rifkind and Robin Cook yesterday exaggerated the differences between what a re-elected Major and a Blair government would do. The real contrast is less one of policy than of attitude

Mr Rifkind yesterday played the Churchillian "if necessary, alone" card in re-

sponse to the new Dutch presidency proposals for the Amsterdam summit in June. These propose extending the remit of Brussels institutions to include defence, foreign, and immigration policies which are at present decided between governments. He denounced the proposals as another lurch in a federalist direction. This can hardly have gone down well with other European leaders gathered in Rome to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the treaty setting up the European Community, though the remarks were presumably aimed more at a domestic audience.

But behind the indignant rhetoric, Mr Rifkind's response to the Dutch paper is virtually the same as Mr Cook's. If you add on a sceptical attitude towards an early start to a single currency, then the two main parties have a

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broadly similar approach with the Liberal Democrats as the only unambiguously prointegrationist party.

The alternative offered by Mr Cook yesterday was pretty thin. Labour, he said, is "the party that can do business in Europe and will take Britain off the sidelines and make Britain a leading player in the

mixture of good intentions and hot air. Some is what the present Government has been doing for some time like bringing down the barriers that stand in the way of completing the European single market", pressing for "a flying start to the negotiations on enlargement of the EU". and being "tough on fraud against the European budget". A new Labour government would not have a magic wand to achieve more than

team". His approach was a

Similarly, it is merely a pious hope for Mr Cook to say that "Labour will press for new priorities in the Community budget", notably a cut in the share taken by the common agricultural policy. And so say all of us, apart from French, German, Span-

the Tories have tried to do in

ish. Greek etc farmers and their politicians. Mr Cook's call for measures to achieve economic stabliity across the EU via a European recovery fund implies additional public spending and European resources hardly welcome to Iron Chancellor Gordon Brown. Mr Cook has a point that Labour is not opposed to a single currency in principle, as many, if not most, Tory MPs are. But in practice Mr Cook, if not Mr Brown, is as cautious about a single currency as the Tory leadership.

Mr Cook is more persuasive in arguing that a Blair government would adopt a more positive attitude to negotiations, and be less confrontational and negative than the Tories now are. Unlike Mr Major, Mr Blair would not have to worry about Cabinet and internal party dissent over Europe, at least initially. He would have freedom of

sions of qualified majority voting, tidying up the powers of the European Parliament and signing up to the social chapter. This is the real gap on policy with the Tories, and Labour is fuzzy about how far it would, or be able to, oppose new measures adding to business costs. But that is very far from saying Labour would sign up to a "federalist" The choice on Europe is

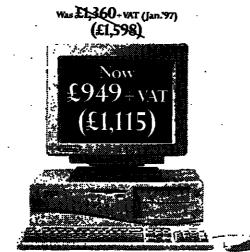
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over the ability to deliver a coherent policy. For the mo-ment, the Tories cannot because of their deep divisions. A Labour government might be able to. But with the important exception of social policy, the broad thrust of the British approach may change less than the parties pretend. Britain is still unlikely to be at the heart of Europe.

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Leading Tories are linked with seat of MP who quit

By Magnus Linklater

SCOTTISH Tories moved quickly yesterday to limit the damage caused by the surprise resignation of the MP Allan Stewart as candidate for their safest seat.

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Mr Stewart, a former Scottish Office Minister, is stand-ing down from his Eastwood constituency on health and personal grounds after press reports linked him with a married woman he is said to have met while attending a clinic specialising in alcohol problems.

Last night the names of three leading party figures were among those being mentioned as possible successors. Sir Michael Hirst, the party chairman, and former MP for Strathkelvin and Bearsden, refused to rule himself out of the race. "No one ever says never in life," he said, adding: "If I was approached by the association then I would obviously give the matter serious consideration."

Annabel Goldie, deputy chairman of the party, would be another obvious choice, as would Jackson Carlaw, party vice-chairman and a former chairman of the Eastwood Conservatives. Adrian Shinwell, vice-chairman of the Eastwood association ruled himself out as a candidate but said that he believed someone senior in the party would be a likely choice. Last night, Ian

Muir. chairman of the Eastwood association, emphasised that there was no question of being rushed.

The association executive will be meeting tonight to consider a shortlist, but any recommendation has to go to the association's members for approval. "We have to have a candidate in place before the April 16 to allow him or her the fullest opportunity to fight the campaign," Mr Muir said. Both Labour and the Scottick National Scottick Scotti

tish National Party, while paying tribute to Mr Stewart as a strong and likeable MP. lost no time in capitalising on the episode. Jack McConnell, general secretary of the Scot-tish Labour Party, said: The Tory campaign has been a disaster since last Monday because they have no ideas left for the country." He pointed out that senior figures in the party, including Michael Forsyth, the Secretary of State, had so far been notable for their absence. Michael Russell, chief executive of the SNP, said: "Top Tories will be fighting like ferrets in a sack over this vacancy."

However, senior Tory officials remained confident that despite the setback they would buck the trend and hold onto their key seats, including Mr Forsyth's Stirling constituency. "It's interesting that Lab-

key question that we have out to them arising from their recently launched Covenant for Scotland," one senior Tory said. "Instead, Tony Blair in Aberdeen preferred to talk about the Spice Girls."

The Glasgow suburb of Newton Mearns, the Conservative heartland of the Eastwood constituency, reacted with a mixture of sympathy and cynicism to news of their MP's resignation yesterday. In the shopping centre

many were not unduly surprised by the allegations about Mr Stewart's private life or his health. Many expressed sadness that someone who had worked hard for Newton Mearns was stepping down in such circumstance and so close to the general election. But the over-riding opinion

was that his absence would make no significant difference to the Conservative majority of II.688 in Eastwood. Kath Chalmers, a mother of three, said: This is to do with

his personal life and is nothing to do with his life as an MP He has done all right for this town and I think most people will be supportive." Robert McCracken, 69, of

nearby Barrhead, said: "I don't vote Tory, but I quite liked him. He seems to be more sensitive than most MPs and maybe he just couldn't



Allan and Susie Stewart outside their country home yesterday. Below, Mrs Knight

Silent Stewart stays home with the family

ALLAN STEWART was happy to pose with his wife outside their country home in Neilston yesterday but refused to talk to reporters.

He rubbed his hands against the cold and smiled for the cameras before putting his arm protectively around his wife, who stood silently by his side. He refused to comment on his resignation letter, which said recent press reports about his personal life and his health had caused

The letter, which was delivered to the Eastwood constituency office at 6pm on Monday. said: "After discussing my health and position with Susie, who has always been so Member of Parliament for Eastwood, I have decided to resign as prospective parliamentary candidate."

At the weekend a tabloid newspaper linked Mr Stewart. 54, to Catherine Knight, 47, a married mother of four. The paper said Mrs Knight had been a regular visitor to his London flat, which overlooks the Oval cricket ground.

The allegations followed on from his recent admission that he attended an alcohol rehabilitation centre in Peebles last winter. "I have nothing to add to my statement yesterday, I have made a statement and that's it, but I'm perfectly happy to pose for photographs," he said. Mrs Knight declined to comment.

Voters given little to cheer in fight of few punches

THE television election battle has turned this week to the economy, with the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, and his shadow, Gordon Brown, both refusing to put their heads above the parapet or risk all-out attack.

The Clarke line is the old Harold Macmillan boast of You've never had it so good", while warning viewers that Labour is bound to spoil it. Brown intones that Labour can be trusted to spend and tax no more than the Tories. There is not much difference between the two.

The two heavyweights met on Monday on Newsnight, with Peter Snow refereeing, a venue that suggested at least a few bruises and perhaps a cut or two above the eye. But this was no boxing match. They seemed more like sumo wrestlers shoving and sweating their way around a small space that both needed to occupy. Neither gave an inch, nor would risk going too far on the offensive lest he expose a weak flank.

Both have been warming up since the election was called. Mr Clarke has set out his stall at two morning press conferences live from Central Office, reading without passion from a dreary script. Mr Brown went a sparring round on Sunday with John Humphrys on On The Record, and he stalled and stonewalled even when there was nothing new to

give away. When the big fight arrived, both refused to come out of their corners. What is going on? Whatever hap-pened to the roly-poly Clarke who loved to mix it with his opponent, a pint of beer in one hand, a cheroot in the other? Where was the pugilist in the Garrick tie and suede shoes who used to slip

the stiletto in with a chuckle? Mr Brown has quite other virtues. His wit is slow, his style ponderous. An endearing smile plays around his lips when asked a question. but there is no attempt to

endear himself with the television audience. He is the master of detail, a swot who has worked long and hard to acquaint himself with every eventuality. But he is damned if he is going to pass off his labours as effortless.

The big debate soon ran aground. Mr Brown said that manufacturing investment was down; Mr Clarke said no, investment as a insisted that manufacturing investment was down: Mr Clarke said he was looking at one month's figures: Mr Brown said no, they were for a year. And so it went on, like two brothers bickering



TV WATCH **NICHOLAS** WAPSHOTT

made great play of Mr Brown's refusal to list the companies hit by Labour's utilities tax when he might better have taken the side of the innocent recent investor hit by such an arbitrary tax. It all ended in stalemate, as if both men had conspired to keep the electorate in the

The dog not allowed to bark was the question of Britain's entry into the single European currency, which will be decided in the next Parliament. Where would that lead their promises of a better tomorrow? Would we be better off in or out? Their answers would have been

Blair warns pupils off drugs

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

TONY BLAIR chose a schoolroom in Aberdeen yesterday to launch a proposal for an American-style anti-drugs supremo who would co-ordinate Labour's policy on drugs and report directly to a Cabi-

At Dyce Academy, Mr Blair told an audience of 13 and 14year-olds that he would appoint a "drugs czar" to belp to

take drugs. The appointment would signal the determination of a Labour government that it was "not prepared to tolerate the waste of any more young lives". He asked pupils if they had ever been offered drugs, then told them: 'Just say no".

Yesterday the Church of Scotland called for a Royal Commission to be appointed to consider the legalisation of

cannabis. The call was denounced by Mr Blair and by Ian Oliver, the Chief Constable of Grampian Police and the man tipped to become Labour's anti-drugs supremo. Mr Blair said: "I'm against it because it leads to hard drugs." Dr Oliver said the Church was "pandering to a liberal attitude" which could cause great harm.

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Colony land sells for £150m an acre

Hong Kong: A 6.3-acre plot of land here was sold for £950 million yesterday in what experts described as probably a world record as well as a resounding vote of confidence in the territory's future.

The 275,369 sq ft site at Chai Wan, on the northeastern edge of Hong Kong island, was bought from the Government for £150 million an acre by Sino Land for residential and commercial use. Sino Land sealed the deal after the longest auction in the colony's history — a buy-ing frenzy that began at £522 million and ended 24 hours later.

"As far as Hong Kong is concerned, this is certainly a record price," Herbert Leung, the government auctioneer, said.

Michael Green, Salomon Brothers director, said the price "is probably the highest price paid at auction for any site ever in the world. "It equates to £435 per square foot before one's even put a building

Robert Ng. chairman of Sino Land, asked whether he believed that the firm had confidence in the future of Hong Kong under Chinese rule, just 98 days away, said: "You ask me this question after we (pay this sum)? Are you crazy?" (AFP)

Angry workers challenge power of German banks

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

short of a full merger. But the MORE than 20,000 angry unions are nervous that even steelworkers yesterday prothis will entail big job cuts and tested against the power of that the role of the banks is Germany's banks in a direct challenge to the financial sysstill destructive. tem that has ruled the country Klaus Zwickel, chairman of since the Second World War.

The protests were staged in

Frankfurt, mainland Europe's

financial capital, and some

newspapers warned that the

barracking of Germany's pri-

vate banks could soon spill

over into demonstrations

against the European Central

Bank as controller of the euro.

bonfires of bank statements in

Frankfurt's financial quarter

and chanted: "We will not be cheated out of our jobs."

Union activists blocked the

paths of nervous stock ana-

lysts and urged them to with-

draw their accounts from the

banks targeted by the work-

ers. In Dortmund, 6,000 work-

ers in Krupp-Hoesch went on

The demonstrators, who

had been bussed in from the Ruhr and other industrial

regions, blame Deutsche and

Dresdner banks for helping to engineer Krupp's £5 billion hostile takeover bid for Thys-

sen and thus putting tens of thousands of jobs in peril. The

unprecedented bid was with-

drawn on Monday afternoon

and the companies say they are close to securing a work-

ing arrangement stopping

Dixons

Foundry workers made

the IG Metall union - one of the most powerful in Europe - launched a blistering attack on the influence of the banks. To loud applause he said they were creating a "casino capitalism that has become a danger to the general public".

6 Who rules in Germany? The elected representatives

or boardroom bankers? 9

Workers whistled and cheered when he added: "The banks are destroying the political culture of our country. Behind our backs, with secret general staff-like planning, they pre-pared a move which extinguishes our jobs. Parties and parliaments have to ask themselves: who rules in Germany? The democratically elected representatives or the bankers in the boardrooms?"

The close co-operation of

banks with industrial companies has been the very essence of the German economy since the war and has roots in the 19th century As workers are guaranteed seats on supervisory hoards, there have been few challenges.

But the conflict of interest exposed in the steel takeower bid, with the same banks sitting on the boards of two rival companies, has coincided with painful social spending cuts and a general decline of heavy industry. This mixture has sparked revolt.

Krupp came under pressure to withdraw the hostile bid. described as "Wild West capıtalism" by the Bonn Government and by the Social Democrat-controlled administration of North Rhine-Westohalia. The banks, too, have "re-

viewed their positions" and concluded that the financial advantages of a takeover were probably outweighed by the social costs and, above all, by the loss of image.

The workers said yesterday that they would continue to protest until guarantees were given that there would be no compulsory redundancies.

Coalminers recently won a similar concession from Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor. in return for accepting cuts in mining subsidies and pit

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Steelworkers demonstrate in Frankfurt over the role of bankers in a hostile takeover bid

Solution closer in Lima siege

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Lima: A solution to the hostage crisis at the Japanese Ambassador's residence here seemed closer last night after Carlos Hermoza, the Justice Minister, said between 200 and 250 prisoners unjustly accused of terrorism and detained across the country will be freed. He gave no date. ...

Although he insisted there was no link between this release and negotiations on the hostage crisis, his remarks came after mediators spent all day talking to government officials and Tupac Amaru Revolutionary rebels on Monday. (AFP)

Security scare for Gingrich

Scoul: Newt Gingrich. Speaker of the House of Representatives, was forced to cancel a briefing at the demilitarised zone dividing North and South Korea after a North Korean soldier carrying a rifle was spotted in the area. Mr Gingrich, touring Asia, said later America was committed to the defence of South Korea, where 37,000 US troops guard the border. (Reuter)

Villagers free Shell hostages

Lagos: Shell Oil says that 31 of its staff and contractors held in Nigeria by feuding communities have been freed. A spokesman said that 90 people were still being detained at six flow stations which the villagers have occupied since the weekend in protest against the relocation of local government headquarters, (Reuter)

Party ousts Milosevic foe

Belgrade: Milo Djukanovic, pro-Western premier of Montenegro, resigned from the ruling pro-Serbian Socialist Party after coming under harsh criticism for attacking President Milosevic of Serbia. His removal suggests that Mr Milosevic is regaining political strength. (AP)

Russia arrests officer as spy

Moscow: Russia's Federal Security Service has caught a senior officer in the strategic missile command who was preparing to sell defence secrets to a foreign power. Russian news agencies report-

Paris to rebuild memorial for last martyr to liberty

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

his name," said Claudine

Tailhades, founder of the new

International Chevalier de La

Barre Association. La Barre

symbolises all that is freedom

of expression, of thought, of

conscience, because at the

moment there is a resurgence of religious and political fa-naticism linked to the rise of

Earlier this month the local

council in the 18th arrondisse-

ment of Paris voted that one

million francs (£125,000) be

spent on a new monument.

but disagreement emerged

over what type of memorial

The Paris Office of Culture

insists that "a more stimulat-

the Far-Right."

was appropriate.

PARIS city authorities have man deserves to be given agreed to erect a new memorianother monument worthy of agreed to erect a new memorial to the last Frenchman executed for "crimes of impiety", more than two centuries after he was burnt at the stake and 56 years after the Nazis melted down an original bronze statue depicting his martyrdom.

François-Jean Le Fefebvre, better known as the Chevalier de La Barre, was put to death in 1766 and later became a of religious intolerance. Recent electoral advances by the extreme right-wing National Front, coupled with fears that bigotry is again on the rise. have led to a renewal of interest in the short life and brutal death of La Barre, one of France's most celebrated

lay martyrs. The execution of the Chevalier de La Barre, at the age of 20, was a grisly affair. Accused of mutilating a crucifix, he was sentenced to have his tongue torn out, his hand severed and his head cut off before being burnt in two

separate instalments. Among other blasphemies, La Barre was charged with singing impious songs and failing to take off his hat to a passing procession of Capu-chin friars, but his only crime" appears to have been membership of a rowdy group of young people" with advanced ideas about individual liberty. His supporters included Voltaire, who vowed to fight "the monster of intol-erance" and noted that the gruesome barbarities inflicted on the young man "took place not in the 13th or 14th centu-

ries, but in the 18th". The great French lawyer Simon Linguet mounted a stirring but ineffective defence of "this unfortunate child, prostrate at the feet of the judge". The Chevalier was rehabilitated as a hero after the French Revolution in 1789.

La Barre's tragic end inspired numerous books and a cult following, and in 1905 Georges Clemenceau, shortly before he became Prime Minister, unveiled a bronze statue to his memory. In 1941, however, the occupying Nazi troops melted it down to provide bronze for the German war effort. Only the plinth commemorating La Barre remains at the foot of Sacré-Coeur basilica in Mont-



ing concept" than the doomed ed, but provided no further man strapped to a stake should be found. details. (Reuter) See the sport on TV last night? Last night on Channel 4 News a new report highlighted the barbaric sport of bear baiting in Pakistan. cribed how day after day, bears are dragged into a bloody arena to face pairs of cross-bred buil terriers. Each bear has had his teeth ripped out and claws blumted, leaving him at the mercy of the dogs' victous teeth. The trainer won't let him be killed, but the bear doesn't know this. Over and over again, he is fighting for his life. Over 2,000 bear-baitings take place each year in Pakistan, despite the fact that they are now banned by law, Our Libearty campaign frees captive bears and returns them to a safe natural habitat, campaigns to enforce laws protecting bears, and fights ignorance with training and education.

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Holy Land riots force pilgrims to cancel Easter tours

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

HE Foreign Office warned hitish travellers yesterday to aoid the West Bank and Gaza Sprip as Palestinians clashed ifth Israeli troops in the West Ank for the sixth successive

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As the protests against the pilding of Jewish homes at ar Homa, in annexed east rusalem, escalated, Israel's hief of Staff said. "It will ean war" if Palestinians take p guns. The protests and last eek's suicide-bomb attack at Tel Aviv café are beginning p have an effect on Israel's ourism industry. A leading hristian clergyman in Jerualem said Easter in the Holy Land had become "a dead season", with thousands of pilgrims rushing to cancel

Bishop Kamal-Hanna Batish, deputy head of the Roman Catholic Church, told members of the Foreign Press Association: "Everyone who was planning to visit for Easter celebrations and has been able to cancel has done so. There is also a risk that if the violence continues for a long period, it could affect plans by millions of pilgrims to mark the millennium, what we call The Great Jubilee, in the Holy Land."

The threat of more violence over Har Homa was depicted in freshly painted slogans from Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement. New army and police roadblocks have sprouted throughout Israel to prevent more suicide attacks, and armed police guard the near empty streets

of the Old City. "There is no one coming to the shops. There is a bad feeling that the intilada is going to begin all over again," said the owner of one trinket store close to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Samir Michel, Christian manager of the 51-room Patriarchate guesthouse, said: "Usually at this time of year we are bursting with guests, but this Easter we are less than half full. The whole new feeling of insecurity is impossible to overcome and people are cancelling all the time. I am afraid it is hard to convince our pilgrims abroad who have seen images on TV that Netanyahu is not a warmonger." He was referring to Binyamin Netanyahu, the Is-

raeli Prime Minister. Already one tourist bus has been badly stoned in Bethlehem and yesterday the entrance to the self-rule town

where Jesus was born was once again transformed into a dangerous battleground with hundreds of Palestinian youths attacking Israeli troops guarding the tomb of the biblical matriarch, Rachel.

Some of the rioters were wearing gas masks to counter clouds of teargas and others were using catapults to fire stones at the troops. By night-fall, more than 25 Palestinians had been wounded by rubber bullets fired by the Israelis and the Voice of Palestine radio reported that nearly 100 had been taken to hospital suffering from teargas inhal-

More clashes also took place in Hebron, the disputed West Bank city, with about 200 Palestinians attempting to storm centrally located build-ings occupied by 450 militant Jewish settlers until they were forced back by Palestinian

Senior Palestine Liberation Organisation officials angrily denied claims by the Israeli authorities that they had been responsible for organising the rioting. But yesterday leaders of Fatah, the largest PLO faction, announced detailed plans for escalating the con-flict against the Har Homa



A Palestinian wearing a gas mask hurls back a teargas grenade at Israeli soldiers as a sixth consecutive day of riots engulfed the West Bank

trips to Israel and the occupied

settlement. The Fatah leadership announced that it is returning to the state of struggle against Israel suspended since the 1993 peace deal, which is now in tatters. The Yesha Council repre-

senting 144,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip condemned the plan and called on Mr Netanyahu to take immediate action. The plea came as the

Foreign Office announced

carry their passports at all times because of the many in London: "Travel to the West Bank and Gaza Strip should checkpoints in operation. be confined to essential visits for the time being." Officials added that Britons on vital

The Foreign Office added: All visitors should note that passengers boarding flights in Israel can be subject to lengthy

personal questioning by security officials." Britons have been advised to keep track of local events and contact the British Consulate in Jerusalem or tour representatives if

Teenagers talk their way out of a family suicide pact

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

THREE teenagers talked ther way out of a suicide pact with their parents who were involved with a death cult.

live members of the Order of the Solar Temple Sect committed suicide after settin their home on fire in St Caimir, a village 50 miles wet of Quebec City. The tenagers had persuaded ther parents that they should bellowed to spend the night in a shed on the property, wille the adults went ahead.

the five adults, one Canadiartwo French and two Swiss. wee discovered by firemen in th blazing house. The cult by fire, which launches them on a mystic trip to the star Sirius where they are reborn. The suicide must take place either during the spring or autumn equinox.

The children were to have been included, without their knowledge, in the suicide on Thursday night but the electronic mechanism the adults had set up to fire two propane tanks did not work and was discovered by the teenagers.

Réal Ouellet, a Quebec Police spokesman, said: "The youngsters talked to their parents, saying that they did not want to go on this voyage." The family discussed the and Pauline Rioux exiated only through death matter at length, and finally

the parents, Didier Queze and his wife, Chantal Goupillot. both French nationals, allowed their children to stay

The children, boys aged 13 and 16 and a girl of 14. were given drugs which made semi-conscious and were told that when they woke up the following day. their parents, another couple. and their grandmother would all be on the star Sirius.

Firemen found the burned bodies of the parents sitting cross-legged on an upstairs bed next to the bodies of a Swiss couple, Bruno Klaus that of the grandmother. Suzanne Druau, on a couch. She had a plastic bag over her head, leading police to believe that she might have been

The sect received worldwide attention in October, 1994, when 53 members died in a combination of murders and suicides at a ski resort in Quebec and two villages in Switzerland.

Almost a year later 16 cult members including several children, died in a remote French Alpine village.

Police are watching 35 other members of the cult in Canada in the ho Police found a fifth body. venting copycat suicides.



The house where five cult members died in a fire

Bush fulfils promise to bale out for fun

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN YUMA, ARIZONA

HALF a century after he baled out of a Second World War torpedo-bomber. George Bush, the former President fulfilled a promise to himself by strapping on a parachute and jumping from an aircraft

yesterday - just for fun.
With the blessing of his wife, Barbara, Mr Bush, 72, iumped from a civilian plane 2,500ft above the US Army's Yuma Proving Ground. He deployed his orange, yellow and blue parachute at 4.500ft. Two jump masters held a harness attached to his body until

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apparently none the worse for his adventure, about half a dozen people rushed to assist him. Emergency medical personnel were standing by on the ground but their services were not required.

Eight other parachutists jumped with the former President, who was fulfilling the promise he made that he would someday skydive just for fun on September 2, 1944, as he baled out of his bullettorn torpedo-bomber over the Pacific Ocean. His two crewmates were killed when As Mr Bush touched down, from the Japanese Navy.

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Papua siege disguised as policeman

FROM NOEL PASCOE IN PORT MORESBY

THE Papua New Guinea Prime Minister, Sir Julius Chan, was smuggled out of parliament yesterday, apparently disguised as a policeman, as more than a thousand protesters and armed rebel soldiers besieged the building.

Chris Haiveta, the Deputy Prime Minister, is believed to have slipped out shortly afterwards and eight other MPs escaped during the night, but trapped inside. Sir Julius was smuggled out shortly after defeating, by 58-39, a motion calling for his resignation. Major Walter Enuma, the

rebel commander, had promised that the siege would be lifted, claiming: We respect the law of the land. The parliament has made its decision and the military will

However, soldiers were still at the gates early today searching cars carrying media and parliamentary employees out of the building. One group of soldiers told the Post-Courier that they would not remove the roadblocks or end their vigil until the Prime Minister resigned. They added that they would not listen to Major

Enuma either. Four prominent opposition MPs went to the front gate to urge the crowd to disperse and go home. They reportedly told them that they would try to



Sir Julius: survived vote demanding resignation

reintroduce the resignation motion in parliament later

Opposition speakers, acknowledging that they could not force Sir Julius to resign, appealed to the Prime Minis-ter and the 97 MPs present during the debate to "listen to the voices of the people" and vote according to their conscience. But they failed to convince the government backbenchers.

The motion against Sir Ju-lius was introduced in parlia-ment by Bill Skate, leader of the Opposition and Governor of Port Moresby, the capital. He told parliament that the nation was divided and its international credibility was in tatters because Sir Julius had called in mercenaries to put down a rebellion in Bouainville without consulting the Cabinet

This is not about politics." he said. "Unless we appoint a caretaker prime minister to oversee the establishment of a commission of inquiry and to lead us into the next election, our country is heading for

Sir Julius ended the debate by commending the two leaders for their "responsible debate", adding: "We must never compromise the constitution of this country. There comes a time when big issues arise and you will have to make a decision. I accepted that responsibility and I will not pass on to another person. 1

ccept it absolutely. Colonel Reg Renagi, the acting Chief of Staff of the Defence Force, last night reassured the public that the army accepted the decision of

This signifies that democracy is alive and well in PNG," he said. "The parliamentary process under the constitution has been tested. The integrity of the [defence force] has also been tested and has proven . . . that the force has a duty to

Leader flees | Italy to lead 'Club Med' intervention force in Albania



A fisherman prepares his nets in the Albanian port of Durres while two boats blaze after refugees who failed to start their engines set them on fire

"CLUB MED" military force preparing to intervene in Albania to protect humantarian aid convoys will be spearheaded by an instin force of 5,000 men. Italian defence officials said yester day. "It is clear that, because of British and German oppsition, the southern Europe ans will have to go it along one official said.

AND CHARLES BREMNER TN BOME

European Union leades, meeting in Rome yesterds were divided over Albana Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said & country would not send ay forces. "Europe is unanimos that it is not right to seed soldiers on a large-scale o Albania," he said.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Feeign Secretary, said there we no question of "sending a army" to the Balkan state, be some countries could send t limited police contingent.

After Bashkim Fino, the Albanian Prime Minister met EU ministers, Lambera Dini, the Italian Foreign Min ister, said he hoped a decision would be made within days on the size of an EU security contingent. "We are prepar ing with other countries ... # give security protection to civilians we are sending with the EU to Albania," he said. "We don't intend to ... oper-

Convicted killer 'burnt alive' US in \$2bn | Inkatha men guilty of in bungled Florida execution

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AN ELECTRIC chair execution went badly wrong yesterhead burst into flames after being jolted by the highvoltage power charge from notorious "Old

Pedro Medina, 39, a Cuban émigré who was sentenced to death for the murder of a schoolmaster in 1982, had just uttered his last words — "I am still innocent" - when flames up to a foot long shot from the side of his skull and smoke poured out of his face mask.

As wardens rushed to cut the power, the flames continued to flicker eerily over the dead man's face for ten seconds. Witnesses in the execution chamber viewing booth at Starke prison, near Jacksonville, also described the room filling with a foul-smelling

'It was brutal, terrible, a burning alive, literally," one of them. Michael Minerva. said. Florida's Governor Lawton

Chiles asked the state's Corrections Department to make an immediate review of the use of "Old Sparky". The ageing oak electric chair. It is not the first time that the device has malfunctioned. An earlier incident in 1990 led to a temporary halt to electro-

Linda Thurston, head of Amnesty International's campaign to abolish the death penalty, said in New York vesterday: "This was a horrifying spectacle and merely demonstrates that we are allowing

the state to murder people? The unpleasantness of the execution will lead to renewed profests from opponents of the death penalty. Ms. Thurston, added: "Any method of execution is hornfying. We have had botched executions by

lethal injection also Larry Spalding of the America Civil Liberties Union. which also opposes capital punishment, said: "There is zero chance of abolishing the death penalty in Florida.

The electric chair is used by only 11 of the 38 jurisdictions in the US which permit capital punishment. Florida has put 39 convicts to death since 1976. when capital punishment was reintroduced. The state has some 450 people on its death

China deals

Beijing: US Vice-President Al Gore and Li Peng. the Chinese Prime Minister, yesterday presided over the signing two multimillion-dollar deals that diplomats here see as showing that Sino-American relations are back on a much stronger looting (James

Pringle writes).
In one deal. Air China, the country's international carrier, agreed to spend more than \$700 million (£433 million) on passenger jets from Boeing. In the other. General Motors agreed a \$1.3 billion joint venture with a Shanghai factory to build medium-sized cars in China.

In both cases, envoys said, the deals had been held up since 1995 because of strains in relations over Taiwan. During that time China pointedly purchased a fleet of European Airbuses.

Christmas massacre

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

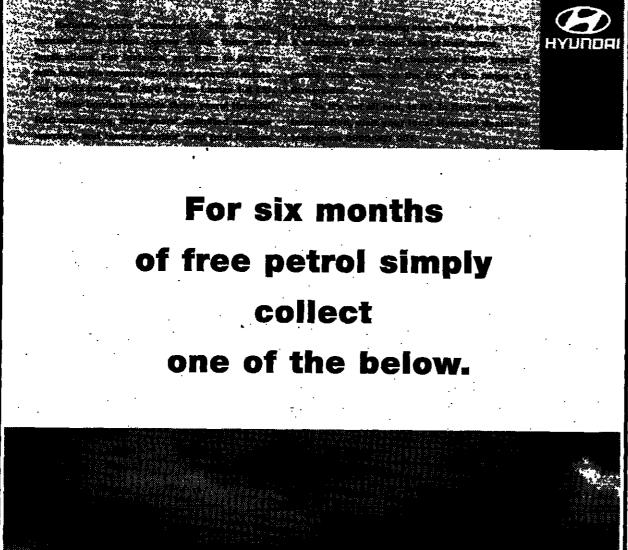
THIRTEEN Inkatha Freedom Party supporters were yesterday convicted on charges of murder and attempted murder in the massacre of 18 African National Congress rivals on Christmas Day, 1995. The judgment could have serious implications for Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's fal-

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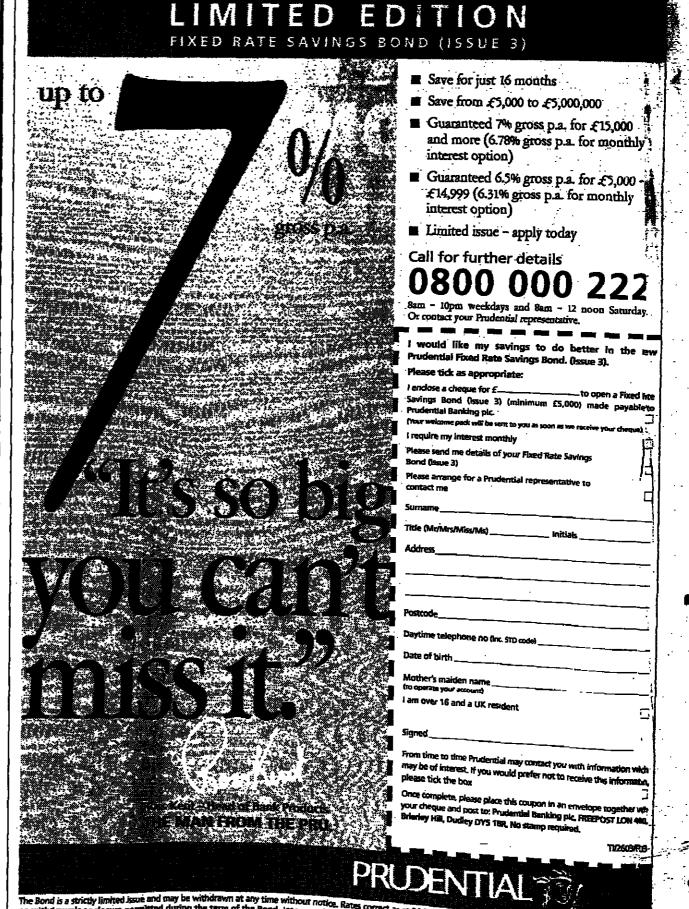
Among those convicted in connection with the Shobashobane massacre in KwaZulu/ Natal was Sipho Ngcobo, the local inkatha leader. In passing judgment in Durban high court, Judge Hilary Squires said the attack was politically

motivated. The conviction of its sup porters is a blow to the Zuludominated Inkatha's image. The party has sought to cast itself as the victim in the region's conflict where more than 15,000 people have died since the mid-1980s. Since local elections last June an uneasy peace has prevailed

The judgment could undermine attempts by the pary to revive its political fortune for elections in 1999. Inkathalias been losing ground steadiy to the ANC in the province. ☐ Killer's plea: Elias Siliya, 26, the self-confessed kills of two British tourists, Elizabeth Over and Julie Godwin asterday begged his vicines families to forgive him forthe 1992 attack. Sibiya said he ad been driven to kill them 🗱 🛎 remote beach in Maputo because of a hatred for white. He said his family had he expelled from their hear when he was five-yearsaid and he had since hated whata







Mayor counts the cost of home rule for Washington

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

MARION BARRY, the Mayor of Washington, said yesterday that the battle to win "home rule" for the United States capital 23 years ago had been a Trojan horse and had led to near bankruptcy for the

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Mr Barry, one of the firebrands who mobilised the black community in the 1970s to win the right to manage Washington independently of the federal Government, says that, in retrospect, he would not have struck the deal.

His remarks during a panel discussion on whether Washington can be saved from descent into squalor and crime carne as tourists poured into the city for the cherry blossom festival when the banks of the Potomac are lined with flower-

ing trees.
A further sign of the city's decline emerged with the news that its tuberculosis cases increased by 36 per cent last year, although the rest of the US showed declines.

Mr Barry said that the number of potholes in the roads had reached 45,000, nearly one for every 10 resi-

nearly one for every 10 residents. He has set up a Pothole Hotline but said that the city lacked any repair funds.

Washington's problem is that its! mass industry government — pays no taxes, either on property or employment. The cost of servicing its

population, three quarters black, is soaring but revenues are plunging as middle-class residents flee to the suburbs where there is less crime and

Hope for the District rose in December when President Clinton committed himself to save the capital by forcing the federal Government to take over responsibility for prisons. ports, and some medical care and prisons. But the Bill now faces a tough passage through Congress, as senators and representatives are reluctant to give funds to a region from which they get no votes.

Congress is also critical of Mr Barry's administration. which has been regularly accused of corruption. Andrew



Barry: independence

Brimmer, chairman of the Control Board installed last year to make the city balance its budget, said yesterday that a survey of District managers showed virtually none performing to adequate levels.

Carol O'Cleireacain of the Brookings Institution, a specialist in Washington's prob-lems, added that the District was so inefficiently run it could not even collect its 20 different taxes and 115 fees and fines and should scrap many

It emerged yesterday that Mr Barry's ex-wife, Mary Treadwell, who served 15 months in federal prison on a 1983 fraud conviction, and who is currently an employee of his office, has failed to account for \$11,000 in community funds. She has denied mishandling city money.
An angry Mr Barry, who

has been Mayor for most of the District's experiment in home rule, during which he was jailed for possession of "crack" cocaine, said that criticisms of management were a

However, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Washington's nonvoting member of the House of Representatives, said that the problems should be solvable because the city was so small. "New York is a tough city to turn round" she said.
"Washington is peanuts."

The bounty that sank

finally discovered what we were looking for. The currents have dispersed the shipwreck across a large area," Rony Almeida, an Ecuadorean diver. said.

La Capitana Invest, and two American treasure-hunting companies, Underwater Salvage and Maritime Explorer, among the contenders bidding for a licence from the



Galleon found with \$4bn treasure

By Gabriella Gamini SOUTH AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

TREASURE hunters have discovered remnants of a long sought Spanish galleon with a cargo of gold and silver coins which sank in 1654 off the coast of Ecuador.

aboard the galleon Capitana Jesus Maria de la Limpia Concepción in the Pacific Ocean is believed to be worth \$4 billion (£2.5 billion). It has lured dozens of salvage companies which are now disputing the right to dive for the treasure. An Ecuadorean company, using electronic-detection equipment, was the first to locate parts of the 100 ft vessel, including an anchor and a cannon.

"We spent a year diving and

But a Norwegian company.



Five silver coins recovered from the vessel by divers

Ecuadorean Government to salvage the treasure. The licence is expected to be granted to the highest bidder, which gets the right to 50 per cent of the bounty.

The state keeps 50 per cent of the value of the silver coins and gold bars and all relics found," Cristobal Mancayo, chief of marine police, said.

The Capitana Jesús Maria was sailing from Lima, in Peru, towards Panama. It sank after setting off from a stopover in the Ecuadorean port of Guayaquil. Historians claim the 1,200-tonne ship, chartered by the Spanish Crown, was also carrying emeralds and religious statues

besides gold and silver. Ecuadorean Navy vessels are presently patrolling the area where the wreck is thought to lie. "We want to make sure that none of the treasure goes astray," a naval

sookesman said. The cash-strapped Government has said it would spend the \$2 billion it expected to earn from the treasure on social programmes.

Historians say at least 20 Spanish ships carrying gold from the mines of Potosi, Bolivia, sank off Ecuador. The Capitana Jesús Maria is the first wreck to be found.

Ships built to carry New World spoils

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

THE Capitana Jesús María tana Jesús Maria saw its de la Limpia Concepción was typical of the 17th century alleons used by Spaniards to bring home spoils from their empire in the New World.

Broad of beam, the 100ft vessel would have carried a cargo of about 1,000 tonnes, an 800-strong crew of sailors and soldiers, as well as an assortment of cannons to ward off marauding pirates. Contemporary sources also describe the ship as a vessel of outstanding beauty.

According to Gervasio Artifiano's La Arquitectura Naval Española, the definitive account of ships of the imperial age, published in 1920 — a galleon "had to serve as much for war as for trade" and was better-equipped to stand up to the elements than all other ships of the time.

Yet the broad-beamed galleons were clumsy and slow, often falling prey to the smaller and swifter boats of buccaneers. It was against such foes, however, that the Capimost famous action. In September 1629, the ship that now lies on the seabed off Guavaquil led a Spanish assault on the Caribbean island of Nevis, then the bastion of some troublesome Dutch vrijbuiters or "freebooters".

Tiburcio Redin, was an impetuous man, and accounts tell of how he sailed his ship too close to the shore, expos ing its flanks to fire from the pirates' cannons. The galleon had to be rescued by other shins from the Spanish fleet. and Captain Redin was temporarily relieved of his duties.

Patched up after the skirmish at Nevis, the galleon continued to sail between America and Spain, carrying bullion from mines in Potosi to the Spanish Treasury. These cargoes of gold were responsible for the inflation that rocked Spain in the 17th century, sinking its economy as surely as the galleon her

Yearly cancer checks urged

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WOMEN in their forties should be screened for breast cancer every year, the American Cancer Society said, in a finding that shapened an increasingly interest debate

over the issue.

The recommendation difference groups offering guidelines to fers significantly from the Americans about steps they advice offered in January by a should take to avoid and panel of experts convened by control cancer, the National Cancer Institute. Until now, the society has which said the available evil manningrams every dence distinct positive annual vear or two for women be manning rains under the age, tween 40 and 50. The change

The government-run cancer institute and the privatelyfunded cancer society are by far the most influential groups offering guidelines to

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should decide for themselves, a verdict that was widely society said.

Americans about steps they

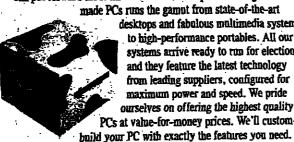
and end the confusion, the In Britain, research has

been under way for two years to determine the benefits of screening women between 40 and 50, according to a spokesman at the Department of Health in London. At present, British women

between 50 and 64 are offered a mammogram on the National Health Service every three years. Those under 50 can receive a mammogram if a GP thinks it is



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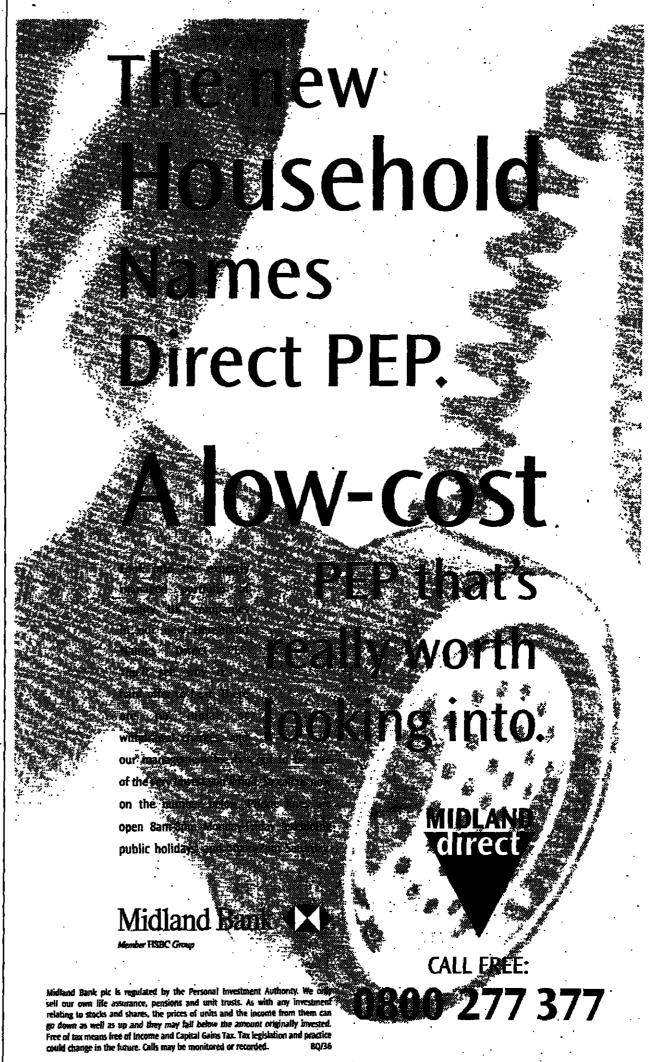
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The suit that loves a drama

JANE SHILLING GETS DRESSED

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ooking back, I am astonished that I didn't own a white suit the first time around. The risky combination of an iron will, an unshakeable confidence in my own faultless taste and a doting and generous mother meant that as a teenager I was able to succumb in some style to most of the grimmer fashion excesses of the early Eighties. I had, in those days, a museumstandard collection of ethnic blouses, a glittery boob tube, a purple tank top, a flamenco-style frock from Wallis, and pair of navy jersey hotpants (very classical, I thought at the time), which I wore under a navy PVC trench coat.

I do remember wanting a white trouser suit quite badly. Whether it was the olive curve of Bianca Jagger's breast be-

neath the creamy jacket in her wedding pictures, or Faye Dunaway. looking elegantly murderous in pristine tailoring, that brought on the desire I cannot now recall. But I never did get one.

This will have been because my mother thought it would Show The Dirt. Open to per-

suasion on most subjects ("No. honestly, it isn't slit unsuitably high. Mummy. Oh don't be ridiculous, of course you can't see what colour they are. Well. what if I sewed it up a little bit?") she was implacable where showing the dirt was concerned.

In later life, the legacy of the maternal firm line on the impracticality of pale colours is clearly visible in my summer wardrobe, which spans the spectrum from dead white to ecru, putty, stone and taune.

Embarking on the Great Spring Wardrobe Change-over, I am astounded every year by the luxurious monochrome heap that tumbles from its winter resting-place. Gracious me, I annually think. What lovely things. Now why do I never wear any of them? Closer inspection reveals why not the indelible ellowish streaks on the front of the cashmere cardigan that I washed and left to dry in the glare of the sun: the abstract squiggle left by an expansive gesture with a felt-tip on the front of a cream silk tunic; the pavement-draggled hem of a pair of cloud-grey satin Oxford bags . . . A riot of sullied purity enough to bring a smile to the lips of the Marquis de Sade. But each new season has found me, undeterred, adding

my pallid Until now. To my utter amazement, I find myself unmoved by the pages of white suits in the glossy magazines. I simply do not feel the need for this year's biggest catwalk hit. What is the matter with me? Am I growing old? Is the next step a hairdo like the Queen's and a collection of extra-widefitting shoes in navy leatherette with arch supports?

Examining my conscience, I really don't think so. It is not the trashiness of white suits that I don't fancy. On the contrary, I adore trash and only refrain from coming to work every day in a teeny-weeny Little Miss Trouble Tshirt because I know that my son, who has taken over from his grandfather as my very own sartorial policeman, on

catching sight of it, would infallibly bellow, You're not thinking of going

I think advancing years and motherhood must have turned me sentimental, because the thing that now strikes me about white suits is their shocking vul-

nerability. The sight of all that pristine bluewhite acetate at Conran, and crunchy milk-white wool at MaxMara and the tender peach-bloom crèpe de Chine at Austin Reed reminds me of nothing so much as a materniward full of new-born babies whose skin you hardly dare expose to the harsh touch of the outside air, it is so new and fragile.

They hang on the shop rails like perfect fruit, but if you look closely, the process of decay has already begun — a grubby fingermark on the lapel; a grimy tide-mark at the cuff; a smear of make-up at the collar. If they look like this in the shop, imagine how they'll

be after half a day's wear. Most high fashion looks can be persuaded to reach some kind of comfortable accomodation with the quotidien — a longer skirt, a flesh-coloured . But in this case, the only possible compromise involves a semi-permanent billet surrounded, when wearing it, by a disagreeable miasma of Scotchguard. White suits don't understand the word compromise. Their natural role is a once-only starring appearance at some human drama with a messy and inevitable outcome: an awards ceremony, a wed-

White heat



Impractical but dazzling, the white trouser suit is a summer must. Grace Bradberry, Style Editor, chooses three of the best



French Connection jacket, \$143, and trousers, \$70

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Why modelling is such a class act

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NOT for a long time has class mattered so much in fashion. When designers choose a for their advertising campaigns, the model's social pedigree, as well as her port-folio, appears to be under consideration. At one end of the spectrum there is Stella

Whistles jacket, £265, and trousers, £135

Tennant, granddaughter of the Duchess of Devonshire. At the other there's Jayne Windsor, a single mother of two who was talent-spotted by Select model

What's fascinating is who's matching up with whom. After a year-long love affair with

Stella Tennant, Chanel, whose image is as haute as haute couture gets, has switched tack altogether. The next advertising contract bas gone to Karen Elson, a 19-year-old from Manchester, whose looks are the antithesis of aristocratic.

She has bone-white skin and a face like a porcelain doll but with a hint of Oriental.

Not everyone in the fashion world finds her brand of suburban jolie laide appealing, but Karl Lagerfeld, Chanel's designer, is clearly convinced. What's more curious is that Alexander McQueen, whose first

Givenchy ready-to-wear line took suburban trash to the limit, should be courting Honor Fraser as his favoured

True, they have been friends since McQueen started out, and true, Houor was a protege of McQueen's muse, Isabella Blow, but the sister of Lord Lovat remains the bluest of the blue bloods. She has been fostering a new "street" image, but

retains the arrogant walk. The one wild card left in the pack is John Galliano, head of Dior. As yet there is no "face" for the clothes, as opposed to the perfumes. But it can only be a matter of time before Galliano is forced to choose between umble and haute.

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'You've Been Famed'

Angus Deayton shows us how the stars got started. Interview by Valerie Grove

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efore They Were Famous is such an obvious idea for a television show you wonder why it hasn't been done before. Videotapes of household names making their debuts on screen — a sort of "You've Been Famed". an embarras of embarrassment. Naturally the Americans thought of it first. But on Easter Monday Angus Deayton and the BBC will allow us to mock the on-screen

beginnings of the rich and famous.
We shall see a schoolboy Michael Jagger scowling at the presenter of Seeing Sport in 1959, Peter Cook as an extra in the film Bachelor of Hearts, 1957, Clint Eastwood in a "Drink Milk" commercial in 1954; Ben Kingsley in Coronation Street, Steve Martin in the US equivalent of Blind Date, Joanna Lumley modelling cashmere, David Bowie interviewed by Cliff Michelmore — "You've got rather long hair" — in 1964: a prepubescent Naomi Campbell: Jeremy Irons on Play Away: Emma Thompson in a bikini.

Some are not embarrassing at all, they are just rather sweet, like old passport photographs: Stephen Fry wrestling with an answer on University Challenge; and Hugh Laurie as oarsman in the Cambridge crew on Boat Race Day.

"We've only scratched the surface," Deayton says. "As soon as we looked into it, we realised there's a wealth of material to be trawled through. Advertising agencies keep old tapes of people auditioning for commercials, aspiring actors play extras in sitcoms or characters in soaps.

A rich seam is mined in the footage of TV reporters before they acquired their cool: bikini-clad Sue Lawley interviewing on a beach. Kate Adie prancing in a mob cap. Jeremy Paxman wearing a vintage-1974 smirk and, perhaps most wonderful-ly of all. Anna Ford as a guitar-playing folk singer in 1969 when she was Union president at Manchester University.

Deayton's friend Nick Hancock is the programme's fall guy: it seems he once did ads for beer, wearing a simpering smile which "although I know and love Nick, still makes me want to punch Nick". But Deayton himself can be seen cavorting with a bowl of Crunchy Nut Cornflakes, and there are plenty more of those in his cupboard of skeletons.

Before he was famous, that is how Deayton got by. "Appearing on ads was what everyone did, as a struggling actor or comedian. I spent years and years doing things like that — awful commercials, loads of radio, and scriptwriting for other people - before anyone ever heard of me. I won an award for Most Promising Newcomer on the fourteenth anniversary of my life in showbusiness."

We are in the boardroom of Talkback. Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones's ction company which handles Deayton's PR. (The comedy scene is now so interlinked with PR and production companies you wonder how they work out who gets 10 per cent of whom.) Angus does not have a production company: "It strikes me as too much like hard work worrying about office rental space, secretaries and AGMs." But we know his newfound wealth has turned him into a big spender: he drives a Lexus coupe, and when he turned 40 last year he invited 100 friends to dine on oysters and lobster in

the Eiffel Tower. He is wearing funereal black, unlike the



Angus Deayton won an award for "Most Promising Newcomer" on the fourteenth anniversary of his life in showbusiness

challenging jackets he wears on screen. and carrying a distressed briefcase borrowed from his girlfriend's mother.

The girlfriend, since the acrimonious split with Stephanie de Sykes, is the American scriptwriter Lise Mayer, whohe met 17 years ago on The Young Ones and with whom he now lives in Islington.

Deayton (like Ralph Fiennes, a name invariably mispronounced by the unwary; it rhymes with Beeton) grew up in Surrey, the indulged third of three sons of an insurance man and a schoolteacher. After Caterham School, he read modern languages at New College, Oxford, where he did no performing until his fellow undergraduate and budding scriptwriter Richard Curtis (Four Weddings. Blackadder) said someone had dropped out, could he come to the Edinburgh Festival? Deayton says he has never been more terrified in his life, but he acquired the taste for comic performance.

When the first series of Have I Got News For You? started in 1990, Deayton was again a last-minute stand-in when John Lloyd decided not to present it. Opportunity knocked for Angus Deayton at 35. He was known to radio comedy aficionados, but his profile was decidedly

low. " I'd always played the parody gameshow host and presenter" - in Radio Active on Radio 4, and as "Mike Channel" the anchorman of KYTV - " so it was odd to do it for real. With an element of pastiche of course." After two series, his deadpan delivery of carefully scripted adlibs (in a manner often described as pedagogic, contrasting with the unruly, anarchic rude boys lan Hislop and Paul Merton) began to achieve for him something quite unexpected: crumpet status.

remember thinking that this must be what attractive women have to put up with all the time — getting stared at in the street. People think the screen is still there and point a finger in your face and say You're Angus Deayton, or talk about you loudly as if you're not there. Some deal with this better than others: Alexei Sayle isn't at all bothered, but Rowan Atkinson is cripplingly shy. I'm somewhere in between: fighting fit shy. At times I just feel it would be nice to get away to Phuket." Living well is the best revenge: he and Lise flew off yesterday for Easter on the beaches of

Perhaps it is fair that a cavalier

exploiter of others' notoriety should have been bruised by the glare fame. "We never set out to undermine anyone; but the audience decides whether they like someone within five minutes." They loved Jennifer Paterson; they did not love Piers Morgan. "Politicians get the worst ride; but Charles Kennedy said that being seen to do well on HIGNFY was worth ten political broadcasts - people told him later they'd vote for him. We once got hauled over the coals for having too many Labour MPs, so we invited the entire Tory Cabinet but they all declined. Do you think Tony or John would do the show in the next few weeks?"

Next Monday's show will doubtless be the first of many. "It will be clip-led, as we say in the business. When we have enough clips we'll do another one - a bit like It'll be Alright On The Night." The clip I'd like to see is Deayton with Phil Pope and Michael Fenton Stevens, singing Meaningless Songs in Very High Voices, a spoof BeeGees act (the HeeBeeGeeBees) which got them into the Australian hit parade in the early 1980s: but that was before he was famous.

• Before They Were Famous, BBC1, Easter

A good intention that has gone awry

The muddle over Ms

Mrs or Ms. That's not to say I think it doesn't matter. Obviously how we name people, the way in which we categorise them, has significance. Make too much of that nowadays, though, and you're dead meat. Business and Professional Women UK an organisation no one's ever heard of before - comes out strongly against the would-be universal female title Ms, claiming it smacks of Seventies femi-nism, all overt aggression, hairy legs and baggy dungarees, and everyone is falling over themselves to say how much they despise the term, have nothing but contempt for it and its coinage and are only too happy to give

Perhaps it was slightly disingenuous to say that I didn't care what people call me. It's true that I don't mind so much how I'm styled, but it does rankle that

I'm asked in the first place. When Ms was introduced to the language of officialese. intentioned: there should be a way of addressing — identifying — women who didn't define or describe themselves in terms of their relationship with men. (Interestingly, the coinage of the term was not political, but economic: it was formulated, apparently, by mail-order companies in 1950s America to cut costs.)

But no sooner was the formula officially adopted in the Seventies, that it was sneered at from a great height. And

who's surprised? I'm not referring to the inevitability of anti-feminism either. Even if you're basically welldisposed, as I am, it's impossible to ignore the sheer idiocy of introducing as a simplifying factor — an unpronouncable appellation. It sounds ridiculous, so it is easy to see why it has been ridiculed.

Nigella Lawson

But underneath the idea makes sense. And I emphasise, the idea was not to suggest that marriage is a bad thing and, that one should therefore avoid having a tag that denoted the married state. Nor was it to imply that by distinguishing between single and married women, one was somehow cruelly drawing attention to the pitiable and lacking status of the former. The message behind Ms, if you like, was this: men are not addressed differently depending on whether they're married or not; nor should

women be. The fuss everyone made! The fuss they continue to make. Anyone would think they were forced to adopt this ungainsayably clumsy mode of address. But no one is. And of course they shouldn't be, but once the term, any term, is not universal, then it cannot make sense. When I'm filling out a form, which obliges me to describe my status, it makes a mockery of having

f I'm being honest, I have to say I "Ms" if it is just an option, rather than don't much care if I'm called Miss, the usual female title. In other words, I am being asked to tick whether I'm single, married or just a bolshy cow. I

go for bolshy cow every time. Even if, as the Business and Professional Women UK organisation seems to want, "Miss" is chosen as universal designator of women, it'll make no difference: forms will still say "Miss", "Mrs" or "other". So what's the point? But maybe one can never change things that affect people deeply (and what could affect people more deeply than what they are called?) by such artificial and official means.

But I suspect there has to be some change soon, and one that will come about organically. A great many women, like myself, are not changing their names on marriage. When I give my name for whatever official purpose, I am irritated by being asked "Miss or Mrs?" (I always answer "whichever

you like"), but I am flummoxed, too. After all, the truth is I am married, but I use what's called my single name, although I prefer to call it, simply, my name. (When l was in hospital after my first baby, my brother came to visit me and arrived eventually at the ward, having had arguments with reception about whether I existed. At last he found me, as he exasperatedly told me, "under your own name".)

All that makes it very difficult, I do see: it's confusing for everyone. I agree it doesn't really matter what's settled upon. Miss or Mrs: I agree

that Ms is out of the question; impossible in ordinary speech, it can be used only ironically. On the whole, and because I wear a wedding ring, I am called Mrs. This is fine by me. although I am aware of the Freudian implications of having a name that makes one sound as if one could be married to one's own father.

Irritated though I am by suggestions that what is wrong with Ms is that it makes us sound like nasty, men-hating feminists, it is true that it hasn't worked. I still hold that it is significant how we are styled, but I accept that it's better to take the Battling Barbara line. While serving on a committee, Dame Barbara Castle was asked whether she preferred to be known as "chairman" or "chairwoman". "I don't care what I'm called," she replied, "as long as I'm in charge"

appears that father-of-the-vear Michael Jackson — stung by sugges-tions that his marriage might be a complete sham - is at some pains to show that it, the baby and his new family life are all completely straight up. It's all, he tells OK! this week, absolutely genuine. To prove it, he claims having a new baby is bliss "24 hours a day". evidence if ever I heard it that things might not quite be for real.

Party politics Oscar-style

Los Angeles on Monday night 5,500 film luminaries descended on the Shrine Auditorium to behold three hours of footage. Oscar pre-sentations and awkward thank-you speeches. Then 800 waiters offered them caviar and lobster in a vast banquet hall decorated with Hawaiian

Rothschild orchids at \$15 a

Stars clamour to be seen at the right awards bash, says Giles Whittell

flower. But instead of gorging, the Oscar people fled. By 10.15pm the sumptuous venue of the Governor's Ball was a place of also-rans and cleaner-

Why the sudden exodus?

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Could it have been fear of South-Central LA, where the Oscars were handed out? Probably not. It was, more likely, a vivid illustration of the fact that stars hate being anywhere where everyone's

> The basic rule of Oscar night etiquette is to escape the compulsory Governor's Ball as fast as decently possible, put in face time at any studio party to which you may have a professional obligation, then lose your hangerson and make for the parties

> that matter. This year that rule spelt chaos. In an horrendous bottleneck of fraved tempers and gridlocked limousines. more contenders than ever before converged on a cruelly

short list of acceptable post-post-Oscar parties.

There were really only twoand-a-half places to be seen. Clinging to pole position for the fourth year running, a Beverly Hills brasserie called Morton's provided the locale for Vanity Fair magazine's shamelessly snooty celebration of what it calls America's bi-coastal power elite". From Mel Gibson to ex-presidential spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers, their names were flashed in lights onto the restaurant's walls as they alighted at the

IN SECOND place was the less exclusive but marginally trendier bash thrown by Miramax films at the Mondrian hotel on Sunset Boulevard for the casts and crews of Sling Blade and The English

Patient. That left only one studio party worth pointing your lime at a Columbia/TriStar



Celebrating: Fargo stars

extravaganza at the Eclipse, whose young chef. Serge Falesitch, had the daunting task of persuading Tom Cruise (Jerry Maguire) and Woody Harrelson (The People vs Larry Flynt) to linger rather than stray across the road to Morton's. Mr Falesitch spared no expense. flying in, among other things, two sushi chefs from Tokyo and 400 specially harvested Florida crab claws at \$5 each. But Morton's was still the

This year the guest list included billionaires David Geffen and Barry Diller, the Australian Ambassador to Washington (accompanied by Shirley MacLaine), Karl Lagerfeld's muse, Lady Harlech, David Hockney, Valenti-no and all the Oscar nominees, every one of whom RSVP'd "yes".

For the likes of Tom Cruise and Ms Scott Thomas, when to slide out of your "own" party and make for Morton's is a question that redefines the term social conscience. Qualms are for wimps, and Cruise showed he has none. He prompted frantic rear rangement of the Eclipse event by inviting, at the last minute, 40 extra friends for dinner. Yet still Cruise deserted them after the briefest of look-ins and headed for the vastly more rarefied schmoozing on offer at Morton's.

The Oscar show always holds the seeds of anti-climax in what follows. Like sheep

caught in headlights, winners are badgered by endless television crews for instant soundbites on their fame and future. Losers are subdued. Everyone else spends too much of the night in the world's most luxurious traffic jam. Even so, be sure that by the time you read this, a still-

hungover Hollywood will have begun again the yearlong struggle to get on the list Page 23 that counts, next time.

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Suddenly, all manner of ravening creatures want me to throw them money

hile I may not be able to speak with any authority about the effect of the election announcement on those who do business in great waters, I have to tell you that, in the little pond of Cricklewood, it seems to have generated a quite extraordinary feeding frenzy. Suddenly, all manner of ravening creatures have risen from the murky depths and begun breaking the surface with their snapping jaws. They want me to throw them money. They want me to throw it to them right this minute. If I do not run instantly to the bin in which the stuff is kept and start chucking it at them by the fistful, the creatures will not be able to

answer for the consequences, come May 2.
For a start, my windows will fall out. I
know this, because last Thursday night, even as I was raising the soup spoon to my lip, the phone rang. It was a creature called Colin. Colin wanted me to know that his highly trained operatives would be in my area the next day, desperate to fit my entire house with new windows before it was too late. When I inquired as to what too late meant, Colin explained that too late meant Tony Blair Colin, he went on, was generously prepared to re-glaze my house before the in-flation which would inevitably follow a Lab-our victory sent costs rocketing. When I re-plied that not even John Major had tried to frighten the life out of us with what, if the worst came to the worst, would happen to putty prices. Colin began telling me more about glazing economics than I wished to know, and I returned to my minestrone.

An hour later — I swear this, ask my wife

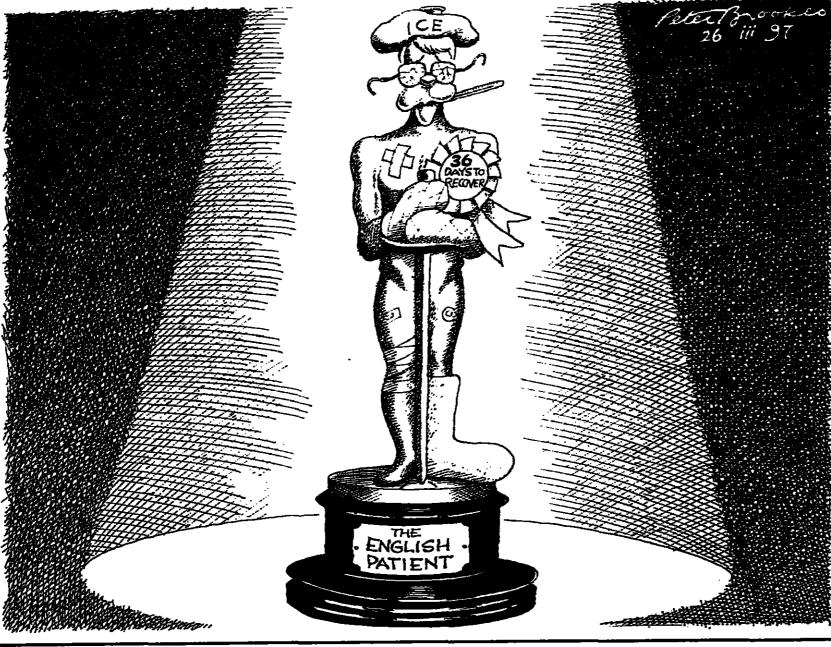
 I was about to pour a second cup of coffee when the phone rang again and another creature urged me — not only for my own sake, but for that of my children and my children's children - to invest in the creature's personal equity plan immediately because it was a well-known fact that the first thing New Labour would do would be to abolish

To get rid of him before the coffee chilled, I told him I would think about it, which was a great mistake because, half an hour later (this is now 9.30, by the way), he rang back to ask not only whether I had finished thinking. but also to bang on about moving money offshore, in so conspiratorial a tone as to conjure up a snapshot of the pair of us, faces blacked and oars muffled against new Labour's shore batteries, rowing frantically away from Penzance, bound for Grand Cayman on the May 2 tide.

The phone did not ring again that night, but the letter box clattered. There was a leaflet on the mat; or rather, three leaflets, the deliverer clearly wishing to call it a day, despite the need for all hands to get to the pump before Tony Blair's did. The leaflets had been dispatched by a local firm of landscape gardeners who were pitching their sales into e seu-same area oi rou Labour's off-stump; ie, I could deceive Gordon Brown's hidden agenda for sending landscaping bills through the roof by the canny sleight of getting mine done right now.

andscaping? In Cricklewood? A range of hills where the back fence once leaned, sheep grazing the water mead-ow in lieu of my nice shed, a river flowing where we used to have a place to keep the wheelie bins, probably with a hay wain in it? I don't want any of that, it would only attract artists and ramblers and similar riff-raff, and I particularly don't want it for no better reason than to put one over on the incoming administration; any more than I want, as I have been invited to want in this morning's post, a new car at a price the dealer will be "unable to guarantee after May 1", for reasons unspecified, although gently hinted at by an ill-cobbled photo of Tony Blair with an L-plate round his neck.

I've been thinking about all this, and the more I think, the less certain I am that it is just the last knockings of an enterprise culture eager to get its two penn'orth in (or, rather, out) before the Götterdämmerung. Might not huckstering of a far more sophisticated order lie behind each cold-call and mailshot, its sole purpose being to make our flesh creep? I cannot yet say, but if I do spot a Reliant Robin out there with flanks that darion "Saatchi Bros, No Job Too Large Or Small, Let Us Quote You", I'll be in touch.



A nation of Lottery Losers

o those with their wits about them, it is evident that we are living through extraordinary times. This is one of the greatest political upheavals in our history. Tony Blair is about to win a victory which, by its sheer scale, will mark an epoch, just as 1945 or 1906 did. In retrospect, though, I suspect that historians will say that the British sleepwalked uncomprehendingly into a new era. We can all see why, after 18 years in office, the Tories might be facing defeat; but why are they facing catastrophe? We need an explanatory framework within which to grasp inchoate but extreme revulsion which the British now feel towards this Government. To do that, one must

answer the question: what makes the

Major years memorable? It seems so long ago that Essex Man bestrode the political landscape like a cheeky colossus, even if he was only the old phenomenon of the working-class Tory. Margaret Thatcher had unleashed a momentous transformation of economy and society, and John Major's VICIOTY IN 1992 Symbolise endorsement of the voters of Basildon, marked the institutionalisation of Thatcherism. It was a permanent revolution. But it was not what she and her disciples had wanted: a remoralisation of society. Self-interest proved to be anything but enlightened.

Already by the early 1990s the sense of disappointed expectations was palpable. The trouble was not just that many people had been ruined in the recession. Too many people had tasted the forbidden fruit of speculation on property or shares, had extended their horizons beyond their means, had cultivated habits of consumption they could not sustain. Her Victorian values - virtue would bring its own reward, that selfdenial and self-help were the only path to prosperity - no longer fitted the national mood. To placate Essex Man, John Major broke with one of the lady's Methodist taboos, that on gambling. He offered a modern version of Caesar's bread and circuses: the National Lot-

tery. That was his greatest mistake. It is for the lottery that John Major will be remembered. Had it flopped, it would soon have been forgotten. But the lottery was a great success -- on its own terms. And that meant a nation addicted to gambling, consumed by the tantalising prospect of instant gratification. Most people have fantasised about coming into a fortune. Some do it

Daniel Johnson says John Major will

be remembered for making gamblers

'It could be

you', said the

ads — but it

never was

of us all. That will be his downfall

incessantly. For them, the lottery was irresistible. It became the darling of the tabloids, for which it generated an endless supply of throwaway celebrities. Half the population eagerly threw itself into the new national pastime: the other half threw its hands up in mock horror. but was appeased by the promise of limitless largesse for the arts and charities. The lottery permeated British consciousness, reaching into every area of life with its new rituals, and promised a great party at the millennium, as a kind of collective lottery prize.

It was predictable that this audacious attempt to bribe the electorate with its own money would backfire. "It could be you", announced the advertisements iut it never was. One of two ciever fellows with a grasp of mathematics. Thatcherism tried to abolish. such as Professor Tim

Congdon, warned us from the start that only a fool would waste his money on the lottery, that the odds were loaded againt the punter - that it was, in short, a statesponsored confidence trick - but they were ignored. Predictably, the British preferred to

blame those in charge rather than themselves. Camelot and its regulator soon became extremely unpopular. The press pandered to public envy of lottery winners, whose morals were no worse than average. Always a tiny minority, they enjoy no respect because - lacking any merit but luck -- they deserve none.

More ominously for the Government, there was outrage at the use of lottery proceeds for Covent Garden, the purchase of the Churchill papers and high culture generally. There was no enthusiasm even for the millennium festivities. As hard-earned cash was squandered on the lottery, and there was less for other entertainments or even necessities, the national mood turned ugly. Unsuccessful gamblers blame their own luck for only so long. After a while they blame the croupier. Then they blame the

The British have become a nation of Lottery Losers, filled with resentment against those in authority or who are more fortunate. That mentality has spread through private and public life to an extent that is only now becoming apparent. We cannot kick the habit, But we despise ourselves and those who degraded us. The lonery has created more millionaires since its inception than industry. That has corrupted the work ethic and with it the basis of Thatcherism. The change was prefigured by the ruin of countless middleclass families on the insurance market at Lloyd's, hitherto a kind of upper-class lottery. But the legitimisation of gambling by the lottery has allowed through

> Those who made a fast buck used to be admired by Essex Man. In recent years they have become the objects of envy, and in many cases are vilified. The fat cats of the privatised industries and well-to-do Tory MPs are the obvious cases. But the psychology of the Lottery Loser - for whom the

link between effort and reward has been broken - influences our reaction to countless other dramatis personae in public life, and that in turn contributes to the cry: "Time for a change." Nick Leeson, for instance, is blamed less than his superiors at Barings, who did not go to prison. Greedy bankers or traders unwilling to forgo their bonuses when the markets do not deliver, or flouncing out when their careers do not go to plan - prompt the Lottery Loser to dismiss the City as a gravy train or a scam.

The feeling that everybody else is making huge amounts of money without an honest day's work has been fed by the cult of celebrity in sport or showbiz. The Lottery Loser is less impressed by their achievements, and the hard work that goes into them, than by their bad behaviour. He resents their success and their ability to offend with impunity.

Again: the endless claims for "compensation" — whether for physical or psychological injury, bad investments, discrimination, defamation or mere inconvenience - are grist to the mill of the Lottery Loser. Likewise, the creatures of tabloid celebrity, from kiss-and-tell sneaks to the Mandy Allwoods. You can make a fortune out of misfortune, the Lottery Loser wryly concludes. None of it is fair - least of all the revenge he will wreak on the Government.

The authority of business, entertain-ment and the law may have suffered grievously. But the Lottery Loser's boundless cynicism and resentment is chiefly directed at politics and politicians - above all the Tories. And it is here that Tony Blair and new Labour stand to gain. Objectively, the parties have never been closer in ideology or policy. If the electorate prefers one to the other, one might expect that preference to be marginal, as it was in 1964 or 1974. Instead, a landslide is in prospect. Mr Major will be the victim of the lottery mentality he has fostered. The British gamble in living memory.

Mr Blair's talk of morality and community has a subliminal appeal to the Lottery Loser. The addict yearns to be cured; the loser longs to regain his self-respect. New Labour appeals to those who despair of any pattern in success or failure, who see wealth as randomly distributed and want a premium on effort. But the gambler wants to be a winner even more than he dislikes being a loser. The unfairness of which the loser complains - no bonanza, not even a free lunch - is unlikely to change very much under Labour, any more than the lottery itself. The chippiness which is now leading the Lottery Loser to lash out at the Tories may quickly turn him against a Labour government

which dashes his hopes of a jackpot. The Citizen King of France, Louis-Philippe, had a prime minister, the great historian François Guizot, who replied to those who objected to his property franchise (which gave the vote only to the bourgeoisie): "Enrichissez vous!" But the people would not wait to get richer. In 1848 they had a revolution and ejected their conservative premier along with his King. We are no less impatient. Essex Man used not to mind being told to get richer. But the Lottery Loser takes it as a personal insult. On May I the father of the lottery will himself become the biggest loser of all.

Ethelburga. rises from the ashes

Richard Chartres

says the City church

will now be restored

S t Ethelburga's Church in the Cay of London survived the Great Fire and the Blitz, but it was blown in pieces by the Bishopsgate bomb on April 24, 1993. The church was one of many victims of violence which sprang from a sectarian and communal divide. This sectarian and communal divide. This week, a group of Christian pardaras, stepping over confessional boundaries, have vowed to rebuild St Ethelburga's as a Centre for Reconciliation and Peace. Yesterday, Cardinal Hume, the Rev Land Schmidtten a conclusion in the Rev.

Janet Sowerbutts, a moderator in the United Reformed Church, and I stend among the ruins of the church, trying to picture how the new centre will relate to the very substantial fragments of St Ethelburga's that survive. The site is only a tenth of an acre and the restored façade will be dwarfed by the cliffs of the business houses in Bishopsgate. But the small and unthreatening can be a potent force in the work of reconciliation and

Ethelburga, herself, was the sister of the 20th Bishop of London. St Ercon-wald, who built the Bishop's Gate (from which the street takes its name) in 665. As an Abbess, Ethelburga was particu-

As an Abbess, Ethelburga was particularly venerated for her heroic conduct during one of the periodic bouts of plague in London.

The church is no stranger to religious strife. One of its rectors in the mid-loth century died a marryr's death at Tyburn for refusing to accept Henry VIII's supremacy. More auspiciously, this was the church in which Henry Hudson, the navigator, and his companions made their final communion on English soil in 1607 before setting out to discover the Northwest Passage.

Northwest Passage.

The IRA bomb exploded only 15 yards from St Ethelburga's. The journalist Edward Henty was killed in the attack. and 51 others were injured. Though earlier reports suggested that destruc-tion was total, substantial elements of the medieval chuch were left standing. The north, south and east walls largely survived the blast. The explosion did not cause a fire, so stone mouldings, timber and fittings survived in fragments of varying sizes. The latest archaeological reports reveal that the timber framework of the medieval bellry tower which looked on to Bishopsgate, could be

fter the bombing, surting of the remains was carried out with the assistance of the Corporation of London. English Heritage, and the archaeological services of the Museum of London. Much of the material was removed to another City church, Ali Hallows, London Wall Hallows, London Wall.

since to decide what the future for St Ethelburga's should be. The Times and its readers, in particular, have insisted that the continuities of St. Ethelburga's be respected. I believe that the proposal for the Centre for Reconciliation and Peace - which will incorporate the surviving fabric, so far as possible, and most importantly rebuild the facade on Bishopsgate - does reflect the continuities as well as offering a new future for St Ethelburga's.

The general concept is that there should be enhanced public access to the church, which would continue to be a place for prayer, worship and quiet reflection. At the same time, the intention is to create a facility providing both a meeting place and office accommodation to create a centre dedicated to work in the field of reconstruction and peace with an emphasis on the spiritual dimension of peacemaking.

The plan is to operate an advocacy and mediation service, as well as offering practical support and counselling for victims of terrorism, conflict and torture. With the City of London; established as a world leader in consultancies of various kinds, St Ethelburga's is appropriately placed to develop a new ; style of consultancy in mediation. Dis-cussions are already well advanced with the former hostages. John McCarthy and Terry Waite, and with other advisers about the development of the: centre's programme. As well as the rebuilt St Ethelburga's, incorporating a small sanctuary, there will be a memorial garden, dedicated to the victims of violence and to the peacemakers. There may be a permanent exhibition on the theme of reconciliation, featuring the lives of those who have suffered from terrorism but are examples of the power of reconciliation.

HILY

Every effort will be made to ensure that the rebuilding programme is undertaken in the manner that respects the historical significance of the church while providing it with an imaginative and purposeful future: 'a place of hope ful pilgrimage". During the gestation, period, the concept has been enriched by many positive suggestions from a crosssection of London citizens,

Once more detailed plans are available, it may be necessary to launch an appeal later in the year. A previous scheme for the site was costed at £3 million and obviously it would not be responsible to ask for contributions before a more detailed financial picture was available. Early indications, however, of very substantial interest in the proposal encourage me to think that the vision will be realised.

It was very good indeed to meet fellow Christians in Holy Week to make together a small contribution to building that peace of God which is so much more than a mere absence of war and violence. St Ethelburga's destroyed is an example of what can happen if we do no thing. St Ethelburga's restored will be a sign of hope

P·H·S The author is the Bishop of London.

Betty to bat

THERE will be no space for bad manners or designer stubble among cricketers visiting the Oval this year. Surrey County Cricket Club next month becomes the first county to have a woman as its president, and she is not the sort to put up with loutish behaviour.

At the club's annual general meeting on April 14, the current president, John Paul Getty, will hand over the reins to Betty Surridge, the Betty Boothroyd of the cricket square.



Betty Surridge: game girl

The widow of the former Surrey captain and cricket bat-maker Stuart Surridge, Betty is described by friends as a "game girl who likes a glass of wine and will liven up the buffers of Surrey no end". Henry Blofeld, the radio commentator, described her appointment as tremendous news. "A wonderful lady, although I've no idea about her batting average."

Betty says she does not play cricket, although she spoke highly of the club's most prominent supporter. "I know John and Norma Major very well," she said yesterday. "He loves his cricket and actually supported Surrey when my husband was captain. Stuart met him several times."

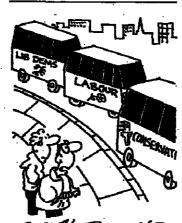
One of her first outings will be to a six-a-side tournament involving female cricketers and the Lady Taverners charity. Should John Major no longer be Prime Minister, he could find himself handing out the prizes.

 Those Redgraves certainly know how to deflate the glamour of Hollywood's Oscars night. A few years back Vanessa threw a communist tantrum. This year it was the turn of Lynn, who co-starred in Shine and who celebrated the

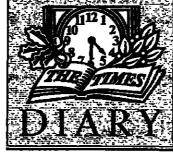
flash-bulb-popping atmosphere in Los Angeles by talking about ... her bunions. "I just had a bunionectomy," she said, looking down at her toes. "Came from all those pointy shoes we wore in the

Men only

LORD PORCHESTER, son of the Earl of Carnarvon, has been out soliciting for men. In his role as tub-thumper in chief for the National Playing Fields Association, "Porchie" is on the prowl for bachelors to auction themselves at his



"You wait ages for one battle



"Bid for Bachelors" evening later this year. So far, the line-up looks familiar: the confirmed bachelor Christopher Biggins, the wifeletcollecting Marquess of Bath and that old slut Peter Stringfellow. As Porchester points out to prospective bachelors "you don't even need to be a 'bachelor' in the strict sense of the term."

Right pair

FIRST in line for French designer Jean Paul Gaultier's venture into haute couture are Joan Collins and her daughter, Tara Newley. At dinner in Daphne's in Chelsea on Friday night it was decided that they would both wear JPG frocks when Miss Newley marries in Paris this June. They insist that their decision bears no comparison with the Duchess of York's rather sinister habit of dressing up her daughters in mini versions of

Joan Collins, more commonly associated with big hair and shoulder pads than Gaultier's trademark conical bras, will wear a brightly coloured, extremely tight-fitting, offthe shoulder number. Miss Newley may fade away beside her, in a rather more demure oyster-coloured frock with scalloped shoulders and long gloves.

Original sin LABOUR'S education spokesman,

David Blunkett, let slip the origin of Tony Blair's soundbite about "education, education, education". "We got the education slogan

from a poll that North Yorkshire Training and Enterprise Council engaged in last year," Blunkett told the Association of Teachers and Lecturers. "They found that 43 per cent thought sex was the most enjoyable thing. The remaining 57 per cent put education."

Manor born

THERE is consolation for Mike Leigh, the lugubrious film director thwarted in all five of his Oscar nominations for Secrets and Lies. Earlier this week, I reported that stiffies had been dispatched by Brockett Hall, inviting all the ba-



Leigh: born in a ballroom

bies who were born there during the war, when it housed an evacuated East End maternity home, to a tea party on April 12. Leigh's mother read the piece and contacted Brockett Hall to secure an invitation for her son, who was born in the ballroom there in 1943.

Speaking from her home in Sal-ford, Phyllis Leigh, a former midwife, remembers her son as being a "healthy, rumbustious baby". She recalls: "He last visited when his then wife, Alison Steadman, was playing Mrs Bennett in Pride and Prejudice, which filmed there last year. I think he'll want to go back to see all those old faces."



CHEER UP, MR BROWN

Fory reforms have made Britain safe for faster growth

If there is one issue on which the Tories and Labour ought to agree on it is the good performance of the British economy. Of course, things could always be better: economic growth could be a little higher, unemployment could be still lower, the quality of available jobs could be better and inflation could be somewhat below the Government's 2.5 per cent target instead of a smidgeon above. On balance, however, the British economy has enjoyed a strong and well balanced recovery since John Major abandoned the foolish economic policy which all the main political parties fervently supported in the last election - the commitment to keep sterling in the ERM.

Surprisingly, it could be in the interests of the Labour Party, as well as the Tories, to emphasise this economic success. For the Conservatives, the need to gain credit for good economic performance is obvious. Less obviously, but more importantly, it is also in Labour's interests to talk the economy up, instead of down.

There are three reasons for this, none of them understood by the ever-lugubrious Gordon Brown. First, there are the worries of voters who have turned against the Tories for non-economic reasons but will become increasingly anxious about their personal prosperity under Labour once the election campaign intensifies. The more confident these people feel about the durability of the economic recovery, the less nervous they may become about giving Labour a chance. Secondly, Mr Brown should realise that his party's ability to achieve its ambitions in office will depend entirely on the strength of the economy. If Mr Brown really believes that the economic recovery "could be shortlived" and "is not built on solid foundations", as he said again yesterday, then Labour cannot be believed in any of its promises to improve health and education without raising the burden of tax.

This leads to the third and most important reason why Mr Brown must be made to understand that the present economic pexpansion really is fundamentally sound. If Mr Brown ever becomes Chancellor he will have a critical responsibility for maintaining the pace of the recovery by managing economic demand. As our Economics Editor explains on page 31, it is now widely accepted by economists of most theoretical persuasions — including the pragmatic former monetarists running the US Pederal Reserve Board and the International Monetary Fund - that governments and central banks must take responsibility for the proper management of economic demand.

Ironically, the main reason for the resurgence of confidence in managing demand to maintain full employment has been the trade-union reform, labour-market deregulation and privatisation of the Thatcher and Reagan periods. These have made economies more efficient and far less prone to inflation. In a sense, the right-wing reforms have made the world safe again for a cautious version of the traditionally leftwing policies of full employment, albeit with a crucial difference. The emphasis today is on the use of interest rates to manage demand. Few would advocate the oldfashioned Keynesian remedy of swelling government borrowing to create jobs.

Unfortunately, Mr Brown does not seem to understand any of this. On the contrary, he argues that the 18 years of Tory policy have undermined Britain's ability to sustain non-inflationary growth. He promises to increase Britain's long-term growth rate by improving training or encouraging investment; but these measures, even if they proved successful, would have no perceptible effects on Britain's productive capacity for many years to come. Until then Mr Brown, if he were sincere in his pessimism about Britain's incapacity to grow without creating inflation, he would have to take steps to depress demand by raising taxes or interest rates. Far from creating jobs, the Treasury and Bank of England acting on Mr Brown's gloomy precepts, would be duty bound to try to prevent unemployment from falling or even to push it up. If only the Tories could convey this message to the public, they might yet turn macroeconomic

CZARS AND THEIR EMPIRES

American experience cautions against an anti-drugs supremo

There are many important social issues that Labour ministers, already burdened with an receive too little emphasis in elections dominated by economics. Tony Blair's evident interest in attacking drug abuse is an honourable exception: The solution that Mr Blair outlined yesterday - the appointment of an anti-drugs supremo or " to lead the "war on drugs" may not, though,

prove the best institument for his intentions. Not for the first time Mr Blair has looked to the United States for both ideas and language. His model, in its formal title, is the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, which was established there in 1989 as a post of Cabinet-level ranking. The Labour leader claimed that this figure had become a "substantial success" that would be a "valuable added weapon" were it copied in this country.

There are relatively few in Washington who would offer such a blanket endorsement. At best, their czar has enjoyed a mixed record and at worst, many would contend, has been a damaging distraction. The number of Americans regularly using drugs, which had halved in the preceding decade, has risen since its introduction. Those undertaking government treatment programmes fell despite a more than 300 per cent increase in expenditure. That shift, especially among the young, became an electoral embarrassment to President Clinton. He felt obliged last year to select a fourstar General as his latest supremo.

The reasons for this relative failure are more than relevant to Britain. In the United States successive Presidents thought that a new office, an impressive title, and some additional resources would in themselves constitute a strategy. The existence of a czar became a delegation of responsibility. For ambitious agenda, there would evolve, almost inevitably, a similar temptation.

management into a potent electoral issue.

In Washington, like Whitehall, the administration of drugs policy has long been split between several departments. In theory, the czar, as chief co-ordinator, was created specifically to rectify this division. In bureaucratic practice, it has become one more agency and without the institutional power of its competitors. That danger would be even more acute here as Mr Blair would like an appointed expert, not in the Cabinet but of similar status, to take charge over elected politicians.

Labour would be well advised to note that a czar is not a strategy. Mr Blair is certainly right to argue that the fragmentation of control between the Home Office and the Departments of Health and Education does not advance the overall operation. That fracture reflects a political reluctance to decide conclusively whether drug abuse is mostly a law and order question with a public health source or mainly a public health matter with a law and order outcome. A choice between the two approaches would eliminate much of the superficial need for a

It would also help to acknowledge the limits of central action. This problem endures because of the demand for drugs which ensures supply - not because of the detailed organisation of departments. The causes of this craving are best addressed through a diverse range of well-financed specific initiatives. It is extremely improbable that there exists a single State-directed solution. Mr Blair's best hope may well rest not on a national czar but an extensive network of local commissioners.

THEY THE JURY

Conscientious objection should not be an excuse

citizenhood. We all have to pay tax, of course, and attend school until we are 16, but other than that, little is required of us by law. en voting, though seen by many as a civic duty that has to be exercised, is not compulsory. With the passing of conscription and National Service, jury service remains one of the few acts of citizenship that society calls upon individuals to undertake.

It is a serious business. To pass judgment on their peers may be, for many jurors, the most power that they ever exercise over another person's life. For that reason, the decision of Judge Anura Cooray to send two women jurors to prison on Monday for refusing even to consider a verdict was at first sight draconian. But for the same

reason, it was entirely understandable. Bonnie Schot and Carol Barciay, who were released yesterday on appeal, were genuinely shocked by the judge's treatment. So will be many who have read about their plight. But their "crime" was more than expressing confusion about the case. Having sat through 17 days of evidence and four hours of summing up in a case with five defendants, they announced in a note to the judge that they would not even take part in discussions with other jurors about the

There are few duties that accompany British verdict. Miss Barclay said that she could not return a verdict on anyone at any time. Miss Schot, the jury foreman, said that she could not make up her mind.

The solution for Miss Schot is clear: if she could not decide, then she should have returned a "not guilty" verdict on the ground that the case had not been proved beyond reasonable doubt. It is not open to Miss Barclay, however, to object on principle to passing judgment on defendants. When jurors are sworn in, they promise to reach a verdict on the evidence. The result of her refusal to do so is that the trial had to be adjourned and a new one ordered at an estimated additional cost to the taxpayer of £150,000.

Jury service should not be treated lightly. These women's actions suggest a cavalier approach to the administration of justice. They could have asked for clarification if they were confused, or they could have opted for a "not guilty" verdict if they were not persuaded. But to refuse to reach any verdict is to cock a snook at the very essence of the criminal justice system. Their appeal judges may rightly decide that one night in prison is enough to apprise them, and others, of the seriousness of their actions. But, however harsh the sentence may have seemed, it had to be passed.

TERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sleaze allegations and moral aspects of electioneering

From the Chairman of the Virgin Group of Companies

Sir, Two weeks ago I returned from Greece. In a question and answer session there I was asked to cite the main differences I found in doing business in England compared to Greece. I argued that you could trust British politicians, the judiciary, the police, the customs, planning officers, etc. never to accept cash for services whereas in some European countries this seemed not to be the case. I pointed out the obvious — if those at the top play this game why shouldn't the rest of society

join in? When I returned home - to my embarrassment - it seemed that some British politicians may have behaved not a lot better.

Even at this late stage surely the constituencies in question should change their candidates for the next election — there are many young, keen and forthright people who would like to go into politics and serve their

Kind regards, RICHARD BRANSON. Chairman, Virgin Group of Companies, 11 Holland Park, W11. March 24.

From Mr Andrew Chadwick

Sir, We would seem to be about to get new definition of Buggins's turn: "When a political party is so long in the wilderness that the electorate, having forgotten all their comparative qualities, votes them into power in defiance of both common sense and any certainty that they will do any better than the incumbents."

Yours faithfully, ANDREW CHADWICK, Principal. Chadwick International, la Birkenhead Street, WC).

March 20.

Gays in the Army

Sir, Your headline today, "Army rule

change to end ban on gays", gives a

wholly incorrect impression. The

Army has been reviewing its guide-

lines on conduct and discipline, but

the review has not included any fur-

ther consideration of the Govern-

In common with the other Services,

the Army believes that homosexuality.

whether male or female, is not com-

patible with the needs of military life

tions in which soldiers have to live

Service personnel can be required to

live and work in close proximity with

each other, often under great stress and for long periods. We believe that

these conditions, together with the

need for absolute trust and confidence

between all ranks, necessitate the ex-

clusion of those of homosexual orien-

This is not a moral judgment - it is

because we cannot risk undermining

the combat effectiveness of our troops

and their ability to meet the defence

This policy has been reviewed and

supported by Parliament, most re-

cently when considering the Armed

Forces Bill last year. The Armed

Forces Bill select committee looked at

this subject in detail, took evidence

from a large number of witnesses re-

flecting a wide range of opinion, and

concluded that there should be no

change to the current policy. We have

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, NICHOLAS SOAMES.

Main Building, Whitehall, SWI.

some new ground, but it was from

1988 that Gorbachev realised that the

Soviet system needed to be fun-

damentally transformed, rather than

Oleg Gordievsky (letters, March 12,

22) apparently fails to realise that the

Soviet Union had ceased to be a com-

munist system in any meaningful

sense by the end of the 1980s. It is not

because Gorbachev was a "commun-

ist autocrat" that he is greatly respect-

ed by many people in the West - in-

cluding the leading politicians who

had dealings with him - but because

he dismantled the communist system.

against Gorbachev to absurd lengths

when he suggests he "forged the

mind-set" which produced in post-Soviet Russia "the infamous blood-

bath in Chechnia". The war in Af-

ghanistan began under Brezhnev and

was ended by Gorbachev. The war in

Chechnia began under Yeltsin and

was ended by Alexander Lebed.

St Antony's College, Oxford.

Yours faithfully,

March 23.

ARCHIE BROWN

Gordievsky carries his vendetta

merely reformed.

tation or behaviour.

needs of the country.

no plans to change it.

Ministry of Defence,

ment's policy on homosexuality.

From the Minister of State

for the Armed Forces

and work.

From the Reverend Edward

Sir, Parents are sometimes aware that their offspring are their true riches. Likewise, "the true riches of a nation are vigorous and happy men and women, willingly and intelligently co-operating for the good of the com-

One could wish that as politicians approach the forthcoming election they would take note of the economic, social and educational implications of this helpful statement, which comes from a report presented to the Houses of Convocation of Canterbury in April

Yours faithfully, EDWARD THOMPSON, 3 Woodsyre, Sydenham Hill, SR26.

From Mr Dennis Barnard

Sir, It would seem likely that we shall see a change of government after May 1. May we ask, or expect, that the inadministration will, quite soon after taking office, announce the date from which it will be prepared to accept responsibility, as the govern-ment in office, for any failure of its policies. May we also ask, or expect, that the outgoing administration will concede a future date from which any success of the incoming administration, will cease to be the result of their policles while in government. Should these dates coincide?

Yours faithfully, D. F. BARNARD. Del Rivo, Burtons Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr David Watt

Sir, In opposition the new Labour Party has clearly demonstrated the skill with which it has refined its techniques of procuring and purveying

leaked information (report, March 20). It has raised the practice - or lowered it, depending on one's point of

performance.

view - to an art form. If Labour should form the next administration I doubt whether the Tories in opposition will have either the aputude or appende to match this

In the interests of open government, to which Labour so evidently attaches importance, and the free flow of information to both the media and the public, I hope that Mr Blair puts the person responsible into the Cabinet. where he can continue his distinguished work and be answerable to the Commons, and take questions in the usual way.

Yours sincerely. DAVID WATT. 40 Brookfield. 5 Highgate West Hill, No.

From Mr Steven Reszetniak Sir, Floating voters are spoilt for choice in north London. A few streets away from my home, a revolving billboard carries election posters placed by both the Labour Party and the Conservatives, together with a car advertisement. The message changes every ten seconds or so.

Yours faithfully, STEVEN RESZETNIAK, 12 Shropshire Road, N22. March 24.

From Mr R. J. Abbott

Sir. If the outcome of the election depends on 80 marginal seats (report and map, March 18), why not have election broadcasts solely in those areas and leave the rest of us in peace?

Yours faithfully, RICHARD ABBOTT, 20 Oak Road, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire.

Retirement of Baroness Chalker

From Mr M. J. C. Tweedie

Sir, Your report (March 21) that Baroness Chalker has decided to retire as Minister for Overseas Development after the election includes compliments of the highest order by the Prime Minister.

In these times when political sleaze attracts so much media attention, here is a politician of undoubted integrity whom we all can admire. I hope there will be more like her amongst the new intake of Members of Parliament

Yours faithfully, CHARLES TWEEDIE, Lower Upton, Little Hereford, Ludlow, Shropshire. March 21.

From Mr David Adair

Sir, When Linda Chalker was rejected by her electorate in 1992, the Prime Minister responded by arranging her elevation to the peerage so that she could return to her previous ministerial post.

Evidently, it has been a very satisfactory arrangement; how many other middle-echelon ministers have remained in the same office for the full five years of this Parliament? For Lady Chalker it has provided a wellremunerated ante-chamber to full retirement from political life; for the Prime Minister it has guaranteed good behaviour in a potentially troublesome backwater of his admin-

This is a fine example of the proper working of prime-ministerial patronage, part of the code of parliamentary behaviour on which we pride our

country and which is now said to have been violated so shockingly by some errant Tory backbenchers.

Yours sincerely, DAVID ADAIR, 9 Swanston Field, Whitchurch on Thames, Reading, Berkshire.

From Mr Barry Lennox

Sir, Zimbabwe public service pensioners in this country will not be sorry to see the departure of Baroness Chalker as Minister for Overseas Develonment. She has constantly opposed any efforts to help them following the virtual disappearance of their pensions as a result of the plummeting Zimbabwe dollar, now worth less than a tenth of its value at indepen-

This is in spite of an assurance iven in 1979 by an earlier Minister of State at the Foreign Office that the Zimbabwe Independence Constitu-tion contained "full safeguards" for public service pensions.

Her attitude is in stark contrast to the help her Government has given Maxwell pensioners and those allegedly mis-sold personal pensions, especially as in neither of those cases was it directly involved in arrangements. Her Majesty's Government was a signatory to the Zimbabwe Constitution.

Yours faithfully, B. J. LENNOX (President, Rhodesia Public Services Association, 1977-80), Il Boyne Rise,

King's Worthy, Winchester. March 21.

Tunes sinister

From Dr Andrew Cockburn Gorbachev's legacy

Sir. Your leading article, "Putting left From Professor Archie Brown, FBA to rights", and report about a piano for the left-handed (March 10) has Sir, The cliché "Gorbymania" often prompted Mr Gareth Glyn's suggesbecomes a substitute for reasoned artion (letter, March 14) that a violin for gument. Brian Crozier (letter, March the right-handed should be a greater 22) fails to acknowledge that while Gorbachev retained a misplaced es-teem for Lenin, he gradually came to In fact, left-handed planists are reject the fundamental tenets of Leninism. Gorbachev's 1987 book, Perestroika, which Crozier cites, broke

quite well catered for, the repertoire of left-hand works may be small but it is distinctive. Ravel's concerto for left hand is well known, while Fauré's ambidexterity is amply demonstrated in his compositions. The virtuoso pianist, Leopold Godowsky, held that the left hand, far

from being relegated to "dull, repetitive work", is in many ways superior to the right. Freer of tension, it is more supple and relaxed. Commanding the middle and lower registers, it can produce a more sonorous and less percussive tone - with the damper pedal freeing it to play in the upper regis-

Godowsky greatly increased the range of the left-hand repertoire with, for example, a paraphrase of Strauss's Gypsy Baron waltz, and 22 studies based on Chopin's Etudes. Those interested in a "Chopin revolution", as your leader put it, might care to try his study based on Chopin's Op 10, No 12 - the Revolutionary Study - for the left hand alone.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW COCKBURN (Co-founder, London Piano Circle). 30 Southway. Hampstead Garden Suburb, NWII. March 14.

Trouble in Oporto

From Mr Richard Kurt

Sir, Rob Hughes's report (March 21: see also report, March 20, later editions) on Manchester United fans' trouble in Oporto quotes a member of the British Embassy staff in Lisbon as saying there would be 10,000 visiting fans, of whom only 6,400 had tickets, thus in my view providing support to the Portuguese police's contention that ticketless fans and forgeries were at the root of the violence.

The embassy official quoted was mistaken, as the figures only relate to tickets supplied via Manchester United's box office. Independent travel firms also supplied ticket/travel packages, with bona fide tickets provided by FC Porto. I was in Portugal for four days and only met one person who did not have such a ticket in his possession. This mistake was compounded by what I regard as unjust criticism of "so-called supporters without legitimate tickets" later in the The pre-match crush, which your

reporter admits he did not see, had nothing to do with ticketless fans or forgeries. I should know, for I was in the midst of it. The only issues there. were crowd "control" and police brutality. I hope the report promised by Oporto's police chief next week will be rigorously analysed.

Yours sincerely. RICHARD KURT, c/o Macmillan Publishing, 7 Albany Street, Edinburgh. March 21.

Museum policy on 'looted' treasures

From Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn, FBA, Master of Jesus College,

Sir, Mr Christopher Cavey (letter, March 19) is astounded that I, as a trustee of the British Museum, should be critical of those collectors who, by their unquestioning purchase of unprovenanced antiquities, effectively finance "the cycle of destruction of archaeological sites" (report, March

The terrible looting which continues in Cambodia, Alghanistan and Mali as well as in such traditional fields for illicit excavation as Greece and Cyprus, Italy, Turkey and Mexico, per-suaded many of the great museums of the world several years ago that more stringent acquisition policies were appropriate and that they should seek to follow the Unesco Convention of 1970. Innocent collectors should know

that the British Museum, in common with a growing number of museums nationally or internationally, will no longer purchase unprovenanced antiquities (unless accompanied by secure documentation of ownership prior to 1970). Unprovenanced antiquities are no longer acceptable even as

gifts or bequests. The priority today is to end the con-tinuing destruction of the world's historic heritage, and responsible collect-ors as well as the world's great museums have a responsibility which they should recognise.

Yours sincerely, COLIN RENFREW, The Master's Lodge, Jesus College, Cambridge. March 21.

Church advertising From the Chairman of the

Church of England Communications Committee

Sir, The Church of England is often at its most imaginative and effective when it operates on a local level. That is what the Birmingham and Lichfield dioceses will be doing through their Christian commercial on Central Television in the run-up to Easter (report, March 21).

The problem arises when, mistakenly or wilfully, such initiatives are perceived by others to have the full backing of the Church of England and to be part of a presumed overarching

No such policy exists: nor should it. Each diocesan bishop is responsible under God, and within the minimal constraints of the unique Anglican

diocese. However, it would clearly benefit the Church if the people involved in this important and creative field of Christian advertising were to have even closer links with each other, and with those who, sometimes unexpectedly, have to comment on what they have produced.

This might have the further benefit of providing a forum for deeper examination of the content and purpose of such advertising.

The Birmingham and Lichfield offering comes across as prayerful and thoughtful. By contrast, attempts from other stables have sometimes seemed to reduce the great mystery of the incarnate God to utter banality.

TNIGEL WAKEFIELD. Bishop's Lodge, Woodthorpe Lane, Wakefield, West Yorkshire. March 22.

Egg on face

From the Archdeacon of Swindon Sir. On this Palm Sunday the children

in Junior Church were asked why next Sunday was the most important in the Church's year. Without hesitation came the answer: "Channel 5 starts." Good news perhaps for some but sadly we still await conversion.

Yours faithfully, M. J. MIDDLETON, 2 Louviers Way, Swindon, Wiltshire. March 24.

More egg on face

From the Registrar of Culford School Sir. Richard Lloyd writes (letter, March 24) of his concern about the transport of players from Suffolk to Rosslyn Park as we, at Culford, have cause for concern about the transmission of information from the schools' seven-a-side tournament, Your correspondent was told that some members of the Culford team were lost in "Hampstead". Alas, this appeared in his report as Hampshire.

However, confusion about London landmarks is not uncommon among school pupils. This was certainly evident in the observation of the girl far from here, who maintained that Salome was a wicked woman who took off all her clothes in front of Harrods.

Yours faithfully, JOHN HUMPHRIES. Registrar, Culford School, Culford, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. March 24.

Letters should earry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 25: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace

this morning.

Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 25: The Prince Edward, Trustee. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation, and Chairman, International Council. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this morning left Bombay on the conclusion of the visit to India. Lieutenant-Colonel Sean

O'Dwyer was in attendance. ST JAMES'S PALACE March 25: The Prince of Wales today visited Barry and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards,

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, this morning visited Holm View Lei-

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the replica of HM Bark Endeavour (the ship in which Captain Cook sailed to Australia and New Zealand 1768-1771) in the Paol of London at 3.00.

The Duke of York, as patron, will visit the exhibition of projects for the Young Electronic Designer awards at the Science Museum at 9.00am and present the amnual awards at 7.45.

present the annual awards at 7.45. The Duke of Kent, Patron, will attend a lecture at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, Whitehall, SWI, at 12.15; and as Vice-Chairman. British Overseas Trade Board will attend a Britain Means Business in Cape Town briefing at the Department of Trade and Industry, at 4.30.

Parliament will be opened by The Queen at 11.30 am on Wednesday. May 14, 1997.

Peers who will be present at the

be sent to the Secretary to the Lord Great Chamberlain, House of Lords, London SWIA OPW, by Friday, April

conductor, 72; Lord Chetwode, 60;

Miss Kyung-Wha Chung, violin-ist, 49; Mr Piers Gardner, director,

British Institute of International

and Comparative Law, 43: Lord

Graham of Edmonton, 72: Mr

William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales, 36; Her Honour Jean

Graham Hall, 80; Baroness

Hayman, 48; Lord Hooson, QC,

72; Sir Peter Horskey, chairman, Osprey Aviation, 76; Miss Eliza-

Right Rev Bill Ind. Bishop-designate of Truro, 57; Sir George

State Opening

of Parliament

President, this morning opened the NCH Action for Children's Warren Park Project, Kingston Hill, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

YORK HOUSE

Dinners

Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. The Earl of Selborne, Sir Robin Nicholson, FRS, and Mr Richard E Escritt were the speakers. The Chartered Institute

sure Centre, Skomer Road

Gibbonsdown, attended a meeting

with those connected with busi-

nesses involved in study support

initiatives in Wales and met young

people. The Prince of Wales, Patron, the

Abbeyfield Society, later visited the Abbeyfield Residential Home and

His Royal Highness, President.

The Prince's Trust and Business in

the Community, this afternoon attended a seminar on opportu-

nities for young people in Barry at the Docks Office and met local

supporters of both organisations.

The Prince of Wales, President,

The Prince's Trust, afterwards

visited the Amelia Trust, Five Mile

Road, Walterston, Llancarfan, and

March 25: The Duchess of Kent,

met starf and local young people.

met residents and staff.

of Arbitrators Lord Mustill, President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and Mr Geoffrey Beresford Hartwell, Chairman and Senior Vice President, were the hosts at the Annual Dinner of The Charthe Annual Dinner of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators held
at Drapers' Hall on Tuesday.
March 25. The guests included:
Lord Justice Saville, Judge Esyr
Lewis, Presidents and Chief
Executives of Professional Bodies
and Trade Associations and Mr John
5. Bridgeman, Director General of
Fair Trading.

Lecture

Wellington Society
Dr Michael Baxendine delivered a Dr Wichael Batelland cellver of the Wellington Society yesterday at the Wellington Hospital. Dr Arthur Levin, chairman of the society, presided.

Birthdays today

Mr David Amess, MP, 45: Mr ish Telecom, 76; Sir Bernard Katz,

Graham Barlow, cricketer, 47; Mr biophysicist, 86; the Earl of

Dalgety, 63.

Mr Rodney Hunter Gordon Corner has been appointed HM Coroner for Milton Keynes with effect from April 1, 1997.

McGerch 83: Sir Leslie Melville.

economist, 95; Mr Leonard Nimoy.

actor and producer, 66; Mr G.T.

Prvce, former chief executive.

Mr Harry Rabinowitz, conductor

and composer, 81; Miss Diana Ross, singer, 53; Professor Stuart

Sutherland, Professor Emeritus,

Experimental Psychology, Sussex University, 70, Vice-Admiral Sir

Jonathan Tod, 58: Mr Amédée

Turner, QC, and former MEP, 68; Mr Colin Webb, former general

manager, Press Association.

Peers who will be present at the ceremony may apply for a place in the Chamber for their peeress or husband, and for their peeress or husband, and for their eldest son or daughter above 14 years of age. A limited number of seats in the Royal Gallery will be available for guests of Members of both Houses of Parliament. Members of the House of Commons should apply for these seats to the Speaker's Secretary, House of Commons, London SWIA OAA. Appointment Applications from peers using the forms issued to those eligible should

Church bombed by IRA to become centre for peace

Bishop's £3m plan for ruined building

By Daniel McGrory

STANDING amid the ruins of St Ethelburga's church yesterday the Bishop of London unveiled plans to end a four-year wrangle in the City over what to do with the medieval church destroyed by the IRA.

The Right Rev Richard Chartres says that he has ecumenical support and substantial offers of money to restore the distinctive façade of the church in Bishopsgate and to convert the site into a centre for reconciliation and

This place has been the subject of controversy and was itself a victim of violence and so I hope that everybody can agree this would be a fitting and proper use for a church with such historic

The bishop envisages the centre comprising a small church, a memorial garden to those killed in the two City bombs, and offices which will be used by staff offering practical support and counsel-ling to the victims of terrorism and conflict.

Former hostages Terry Waite and John McCarthy joined church leaders in the rubble of St Ethelburga's yesterday to publicise the plan which they hope will receive planning consent and the necessary financial backing to begin the reconstruction work.

The bishop said: "I am heartened by the early support and the offers of cash which may mean we do not even have to launch a public appeal to raise the £3 million I think will be needed. I will be very disappointed indeed if we do not have St Ethelburga's resurrected well

before the millennium." The Corporation of London has already told the bishop that it approves the plan which also has the active support of English Heritage and other interested groups.

Memorial service

A service of thanksgiving to cele-brate the life of Major-General Edwin Frederick (Ned) Foxon.

Director of Army Education, 1965-

Church of St Mary and All Saints,

Beaconstield. The Rev Alison Caw

officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan

Stockbridge, who gave an address. Brigadier A.D. Thompson, Director Educational and Train-

ing Services (Army), read from

Memoirs of Childhood and Youth

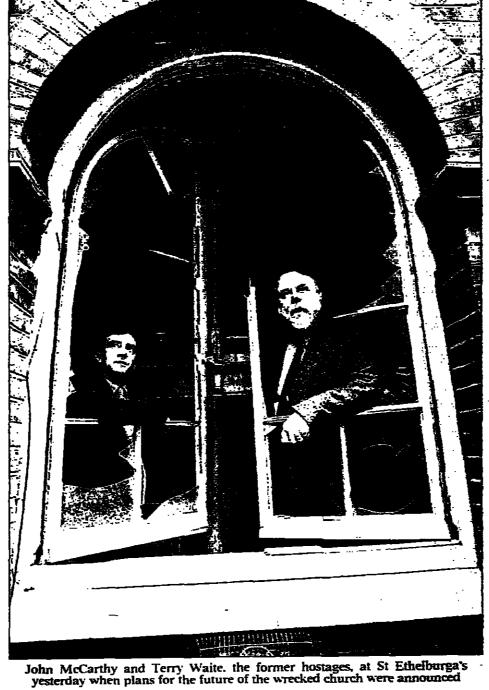
by Albert Schweitzer. Major-Gen-

RAEC Association, paid tribute.

Members of the family, the Vice-Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and many other for-

mer colleagues and friends were among those present.

Major-General E. F. Foxton



The idea of a glass-fronted church saving: "This plan is a design that left exposed parts of the church damaged by the IRA bomb in April 1993 was rejected by City planners last year as "inappropriate".

Traditionalists have won the argument for the Grade 1 listed building to be restored with its medieval street frontage, roof and 18th-century

joined yesterday's visit to the Carthy said. "I was delighted

marvellously appropriate and imaginative idea and it has my wholehearted support."

Nothing has been done to the site since the IRA blast except to salvage a few architectural treasures and cover the shell with corrugated roofing, plastic sheeting and scaffolding.

ell turret. As he picked his way Cardinal Basil Hume through the rubble John Mc-

dramatist, Columbus, Mississippi.

to be asked to suggest ways in which this centre could work. I was fortunate to receive very good care when I returned from Beirut and I hope St Ethelburga's may help others."

Terry Waite said: "There is tremendous symbolism in this building, that from the

destruction and out of suffering comes new hope."

The bishop writes, page 18

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Konrad von Gesner. physician, Zurich, 1516; William Wollaston, philosopher, Coton, near Stafford, 1659; Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count von Rumford. physicist and co-founder of the Royal Institution of Great Britain. Woburn, Massachusetts. 1753: George Smith. assyriologist. London, 1840: David Alfred Thomas, lst Viscount Rhondda, statesman and financier. Ysgyborwen. Glamorganshire. 1856; A.E. Housman, poet and scholar, Fockbury, Worcestershire, 1859; Robert Frost, poet, San Francisco, 1874: Sir Gerald du Maurier, actor-manager, London,

1874; Wilhelm Backhaus, pianist.

Leipzig, 1884; Tennessee Williams.

DEATHS: Sir Thomas Elyot, dip-1546; John Winthrop, Puritan and 1st Covernor of Massachusetts Boston, 1649; Sir John Vanbrugh, dramatist and architect, London, 1726; James Hutton, geologist, Edinburgh, 1797; Ludwig van Beethoven, composer, Vienna, 1827; Thomas Hancock, pioneer of the rubber industry. Stoke Newington, 1865; Walt Whitman, poet, Camden, New Jersey, 1892; Cecil Rhodes, Prime Minister of Cape

Colony 1890-96, Muizenberg,

South Africa, 1902; Sarah Bern-

hardt, actress, Paris, 1923; David Lloyd George, 1st Earl Lloyd 19:6-22. Ty Newydd, 1945: Raymond Chandler, novelist, La Jolia, California, 1959; Sir Noel Coward, playwright and composer. St Mary, Jamaica, 1973. The Sabi Game Reserve, the world's first officially designated game reserve, opened in South Africa 1975 The first cremation in England

George of Dwyfor, Prime Minister

took place, Woking, 1886. Driving tests were introduced

President Jimmy Carier of the United States witnessed the signing of a peace treaty by Israeli Prime Minister Menachim Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, 1979.

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Mr S.I. McIstyre and Miss J.A.C. Salter

The engagement is announced between Smoon, only son of Mr James McIntyre, of Mudgee, Australia, and of Mrs Fiona McBryde, of Yair Braige, Sontand, and Joanna, younger daughter of the late Dr Adrian Salter and of Lady Berriman, of Wateringbury, Kent. Mr N.P. Fenner

and Dr S.E.R. Halford The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Fenner, of Houghton. West Sussex, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Miles Halford of Hampstead, London, Mr R.W. McNair Scott

and Miss M.R. Norris The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Nigel McNair Scott, and Maurene, only daughter of the late Mr John Norris and of Mrs Walter Bernses

Mr RAL Marsh and Miss A.S.A. Barrett The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs David Marsh of Winson, Ginacestershire, and Alexia, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Barren, of Corston, Wiltshire.

Mr M.J. Moran and Miss J.A. Nix The engagement is announced between Matthew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ken Moran, of Bekeshourne, Kent, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Nix. of Sydney, Australia

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and Mile S.M. Pelcener The engagement is announced. between Christopher, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Rorischild, of Whiteleaf, Bledlow Ridge. Buckinghamshire. and Sarah, only daughter of M and Mone Gerard Pelcener, of Antony,

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Gloucester shirt: Mr M.R. Williams Ellis and Miss I.B. Kvale

The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of Mr Roger Williams-Ellis, of North Wales, and Mrs. John Home, of Jersey, and Ingrid. Mangest daughter of Reverend and Mrs Dagfinn Krale, of Norway and

Marriages

Mr J.S.M. Beckwith Smith and Miss C.A. Alers Hankey The marriage took place on Sat-urday, March 22, at St Linke's Church, Chelsea, of Mr. John Sydney Merton Beckwith-Smith and Miss Catherine Alice Alers Hankey. The Rev Christopher Kevill-Davies officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father. Mr Andrew Alers-Hankey, was attended by Poppy. Richard and George Conterell, Georgina Allen-Stevens, Bethany Arnold and Joseph Agnew. Mr Magnus Arnander was best man.

A reception was held at The Reform Club and the honeymoon is being spent in Bognor.

Mr D.C.F. Hoysted and Mrs CJ. Houre The marriage took place in Loudna on Tuesday, March & between Christopher Hoysted and Carrline House, of Warwick Square. London, SWL

School news

Queen Margaret's School. York.

Queen Margaret's School, York announces the award of the following Scholarships for September

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11. Entrance: Annabel Bowting
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School, Reading).

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bel Forsythe (Ripon Choir ol): Polly Lees (The Minster ol, York).

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Court), Richard D. Smith (Clewborough House), Jonathan P.
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Skooch (Newland House). Michael
W. Story (Yateley Manor). John C
Wright (Queen Eleanors).

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The following have been elected to the Faculty of Fellows: Mrs Annette Chub: Mr Fred Daiby: Colonel Geoffrey Jones: Mr. Joseph Jordan: Lady Knowles: Mr Colin Lucas: the Rev Les Milner: Mr John Parsons: Mrs Violet Stanier, Mrs Theresa Thomas, Mr Harold Thompson: Dr Chris Up-Mr Terence Westwood has suc-

reeded Mr George May as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the society.

Royal College of Anaesthetists Professor L. Strunin has been elected President and Dr S.M. Willatts and Dr W.R. MacRae Vice-Presidents of the Royal College of Anaesthetists from June 18, 1997.

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BIRTHS

ALLCOTT - Beautiful bab James, born Saturday 22nd March 1997 at 1228 pm, weighing 8ths 4.5cz. BAKER - Meghan Holly 71bs 4oz on 21st March. A beautiful beby daughter for my beautiful wife Tracey. Always wours, your broad

and loving Daddy Chris.

BORSET - See Curter.

CARTIER - On 26th February.
1997 at CastC, Northighain,
to Caroline Boisset and john
Carter, two sons, Robert
Enlph Astier and John James
Munray.

CAVIERBRUIL - On March 17th,
to Inne (née Bredin) and to Jame (née Bredin) and Stustt, a son, Eory William. COLHEAN - On 22nd March, to Hiromi (née Hamada, of Osaka, japan) and Alan, a daughter, Antonia Seline

Ayaka. CURTES - On March 19th, to Sarah (née Gibbon) and DAVES - On 23rd March 1997 at Queen Charlotte's, to

at queen Charlotte's, to Angels and Lloyd, a drughter, Ruby Forence, a sister for Harrey. HARLEY - On March 19th at The Fortland Hospital, to Victoria and Edward, a daughter, Alies Janthe, a sister for Exillians and Imogen.

MEALY - On March 19th, to Emma and The, a gorgeous gurgling girl, Molly Alice Tabiths. A first grandeshid for John and Jennifer. KAFARTARIS - On March 20th at The Portland Hospital, to

KOMDRATILIK - On March 20th at Queen Charlotte's Hospitat, to Tracy (née Mitchell) and Hugo, a daugher, Mas Lily, a sister for Alexandra.

LUSSIER - On March 13th at MALLY - On March 15th, in Brighton, to Scarlett (nee Hytchinson) and J.C., a

ihter Lucinda Scarlett.

caugumer, Lucinda Scallett.
NEVE - On March 18th, at The
New York Hospital, to Bunna
(née Fricker) and
Christopher, a daughter,
Victoire Constance, a sister
for Charlotte.

BRADDOCK - John Cyril, formerly of Navy Works MPRW, and D of E, died peacefully on Sunday 23rd March aged 81. Beloved husband of Elizabeth, much ATWOOD - judith Mary aged 57, died peacefully in her sleep on Zhrd March 1997. Beloved nother of Rebecca, jestica and Ryland. May time lessen the path. Funeral to be held at St Paul's Church, Rusthall, on 4th April 1997 at 3 pm. Arrangements by Hickmott, Tunbridge Wells.

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BER - Einle Margaret Emily,
aged 93; much loved wife of
Sharman and mother of
Mary, Andrew and Nicholas.
Died on 22nd March 1997,
peacefully in her sleep at
Hempton Field Nursing
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Community Hospital.

ERRIDEE - Ada Louisa agec EERHOBE - Ada Louisa aged 88 passed away percefully on 22nd Manch, beloved wife of Alfred James (Jim ex-professional golfer -Genards Cross Golf Cinh). Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 1st April at 2 pm at Spratton Church, Northamptonshire, followed by burial.

BENGHER - Peacefully in her home at Sevenouls on March 24th in her 99th year, Uarda Many (ase Gasy Domaid). The widow of Brigadier Pedianish: Bewisher and devoted mother of See, Mach loved Gran of all the Ropers. Cremation private: These will be a small Memorial Service later on.

BOLSER - Judish Beatrice (me Hansard) peacefully at home on March 22rd 1997, Deeply loved wife of Fiship Brendan, devoted sister of Hisabeth and brother-in-law Elizabeth and brother-in-law Michael, loving aunt of Susan, James, Samh, John, Gregory and Lauven. Generation service Throughy 3rd April 3 pm Bandalls Park Crematorium. Losthericad. Family flowers only. Douations if desired to San Beare Unit of F.W. Cality & Co. 24 New Zenhand Avanus, walton-on-Thanses. DEATHS

loved father of Nick daughter-in-law Margare daughter-in-law Margaret and grandson James. Cremation Friday 4th April in the North Chapel, Portchester Grenatorium at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only, donations to the Leukaunia Research Fundal Directors, Lawrencod, 245 Fraction Road, Portsmouth.

CARFRAE - Michael James
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on March 22nd, suddenly
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father of Reyons, Caroline
and Martin and grandfather
of eight. He will be sadily
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followed by a Service of
Itamksgiving at & Andrew's
Parish Church, Farnham,
2.30 pm Wednesdey 2nd
April. Donations if wished to
The British Red Cross direct.

CASTELL - On Sunday March 23rd, very peacefully at Heathmount Liss, her home Zoru, very peacereary as Beatimount 18ss, her home for the last tan years, Muriel Castall, aged 88, formerly of Midhurst. Funezal at Guildford Crematorium, Tuesday April 1st at 11.30am. All engulries to Petendield Funeral Services, tel: (01730) 262711.

DE BASS - Mrs Mary, of St Johns Road, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempsteed, passed sway at The Hospice of St Prancis, Berkhamsted, on Monday Funeral Service will take place at West Herts Crematorium, Garston on Priday 4th April, at 12.15pm, Howers or enquiries to J. Workey (Pemeral Directors), 48 Lawn Lane, Hemel Hempstread, tel: (01442) 253465.

FASCHFELD - On March 23rd 1997, (tragically) in Val-d'Isére, France, Franz beloved son of George and Eve and lauther of Stephen and Andrea, May be rest in peace. Fuheral tomornow (Thursday) in Dublin. Enquiries to Patrick Massey Funeral Directors, Dublin Phone 353/1/453 3333.

GAIS - Stephen Edwin, dearly beloved son of Claims and brother of Julian, unexpectedly in Onea. Funeral April 3rd at 12 noon in Christchusch, Hampstend, All friends very welcome. No flowers please.

REATLEY - On 21st March 1997, at the White House, Steeple Morden, Helen Bankin Thompson (Nancy), in her 96th year. Very dearly loved Mother, Gundmother and Great-Grandmother. Private family funeral.

MATHER - Pencerally on 20th March in her 90th year at Remenham Place Nursing Home, May Alexandra (Riddy). Widow of Charles, deathy loved mother of Janet and Gell and grandmother of Anna, Sophis, Buffy, Endly and Charles, Foneral private. Service of Thamksgiving at \$1 Bdwards School Chapel on a data to be announced. a date to be announced. Grateful thanks to all at Remembers for their devoted

SHALL - Dr. Anne Miall (née
Devise), wife of Reger Miall
and only drughter of Devid
and Mary Devise, died 24th
March 1997 pencefully at
her home in Hambledon,
Hants. Consultant
Anaesthetist with
Fortamouth Hospital Trust.
Funeral at Eambledon
Parish Church 1st April
1997 at 145 pm. No flowers
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MILLER - Rosemary (note Elphinstone) aged 83, contented, on 23rd March after a short illness. Much sfor a short timess. Much loved mother of Wendy, Caristine, lanet and Donald. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren ton unmeroes to mention by name. "Politically incorrect and fun to the end!" Funetal liam on 2nd April at St. Andrew's, Cohkam, Sursey, Flowers mandatory - c/o hmes & Thouse, Mill Street, Cohkam, to arrive before James & Thomas, Mill Street Cobham, to arrive befor

BRAKIJON photographer, on 21: March 1997, peacefully in London hospital. Funezal (London morphal Finesti on Thursday 27th March, 4.15pm at West London Crematorium, Flowers, or donations to World Funce Fund of IE Konyon, 88 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 28D.

HOPKINS - On March 23rd, togically, Cityle Resembly, So special to Susan, Feter, Isabel, John and Deborah. Enquiries to Feter Taylor Funeral Services, Holt, Norfolk, tel: (01263) 711992.

MESBITT - Peacefully in heapful on 24th March 1997 in her 98th year, Agnes of Matthew, March 1997 in her 98th year, Agnes of Matthew, mother of Matt

grandmother and great-grandmother. Former Conductor of the Scottish Junior Singers. Committal at Linn Cramatonion, Glasgow, on Friday 28th March at 2gm to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only-Donations to The Federatios of Music Festivals and Musicians Benavolent Fund. No letters please.

HEILS-REDDIN - Derek Thomas Shoffs-Raddin 21st August 1930 - 24th March 1997. Beloved father, grandfather and stepson. Died pesceluly at home in Spain. "We'll miss your muste in our lives". Funemi has already taken place. Donations in Derek's name to CHDECA (Spanish Cancer Charity), Edif Gavilan, Fuebla Lucia, 29640 Paengimin, Malaga, Spain.

Savester - Dorothy on 22nd March aged 95, died at her home. Widow of Val. much loved annt and gent-aunt, she will be sadly missed by them and the Best family. Private examption. Service of Commemoration. On Wednesday April 2nd at St Mary Magdalene, New Million at 230. Family Howers only. Donations if desired to the Western Cerchastral Society of Moodys Pamenal Services. c/o Moodys Princial Service 59 Gld Milton Road, N Milton, Hants, 8H25 6DJ

EMPLER - Poggie in Salisbury on 24th March, 1997, Much loved widow of Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer and mother of Jane and Miles. Funeral Service family only. Memorial Service later. No flowers. Donations if desired to Commonwealth

Havenmaster of Accumouth, Bristol, died pencefully Manch 20th 1997. Fenezai Service on Wednesday April 2nd at 5t Heey, Leigh Woods at 12:30 pm, followed by gremation at Canford at 1.30 pm.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES ELBY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Ealph Walford Selby Esq. CMC, will be held at The Guards Chayel, Wellington Barracks, on Thursday 24th wishing to attend should apply for tickets and a car pass if required to the Regimental Adjutant, Grenadier Guards, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London

Birdcage Walk, London SWIE 6HQ by 9th April 1997. Tickets will be issued WEBSTER - John Dudley. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Dudley Webster is to be held at the Church of St Mary-Le-Bow, Cheapside, London ECA, on Monday 21st April at 12.30pm.

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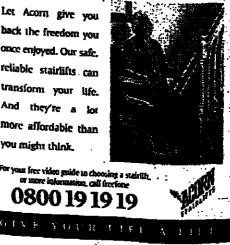
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OBITUARIES

SIR JAMES HIGHGATE

Sir James Highgate lawyer, governor of the High School of Glasgow. 1981-90, president of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association. 1987-89, died on March 16 aged 76. He was born on June 18, 1920.

immy Highgate was a Scottish Tory of the oldfashioned kind who served the party without thought of personal reward or advancement. War service apart, he lived in the same house all his days, worshipped in the same church and practised law in the same parmership in its various mutations. But, above all, he will be remembered for his passion-ate devotion to the High School of Glasgow, and the part he played in saving it from extinction.

James Brown Highgate was born into a Scotland where Unionism, rather than Con-servatism, provided the banner under which the political Right rallied, and his life exemplified the close links between the party and the Church of Scotland. The decline of the first after 1955, when it achieved a majority of the popular vote, shows a remarkable correlation with the latter's loss of membership since that time, but Highgate gave both institutions outstanding service until his

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Highgate attended the High School, descended from the medieval grammar school, from 1931 to 1938. He completed his MA at Glasgow University in 1940 but, without waiting to graduate, joined the Royal Artillery as a gumner. He was rapidly promoted to the rank of sergeant — for each extra stripe he would send his sister Elizabeth five shillings

 and served in London and the South East.

The last 18 months of the war saw him with the Royal Indian 7th Rajout Regiment: he spent 18 months in India and attained the rank of major. Afterwards he returned to university to add an LLB to his MA, and entered the Glasgow legal firm of Brownlie, Watson and Beckett, becoming a partner in 1951 and senior partner in 1975. Ten years later, upon retirement, he became a consultant to the successor partnership of Miller, Beckett and Jackson, and continued to attend the office a couple of days a week

He suffered a heart attack while walking to the church to which he had devoted much of his life. He was an elder of Park Church, Uddingston, for 49 years and preses (chairman) of its board of management from 1960 until last year when, at a dinner in his honour, tribute was paid to a man who, for all his distinction, was universally known as "Oor Jimmie". The phrase celebrated his warmth, generosity, his lack of pomposity or side and his modesty.

until his death

Over the years he gave tens of thousands of pounds to the High School and other causes he served on the regional board of the Salvation Army from 1970. His service to his old school, however, went far beyond financial support.

He was one of a group of former pupils, led by N. S. Thornson, A. L. Aitkenhead and Norman (now Lord) Macfarlane, which rallied to its cause when the Labourcontrolled Glasgow Corporation threatened to sweep it away. The proposal was that the High School for Girls should become a comprehensive and that the boys' school



should be closed altogether. When legal and other routes failed, the former pupils resorted to direct action. They rapidly raised £600,000. They arranged a merger with a private junior school at Drewsteignton, Bearsden, and combined its assets with those of the High School former pupils club. When the old school closed in 1976, its successor was born on the same day and its new seniorschool building was opened on the club's playing fields at Anniesland, beyond the city

boundaries, the following year. It now has a roll of more than 1,000.

Highgate had to retire as a governor, by rule, at the age of 70, but he continued to serve on the charitable trust administering the High School's bursaries and development funds. Out of its senior roll of 638, about 50 pupils benefit from these scholarships, with another 50 on the state assisted places scheme.

His political career was in the same mould of disinterested service. He contested the tion north of the border. A

thorough inquest ensued: the parliamentary seat of Bothwell at three general elections - 1964, 1966 and 1970 - and, time for all good men to come to the aid of the party had truly arrived. Highgate, who had although he was beaten each time, he had the satisfaction of been joint honorary secretary holding the Labour majority of the Scottish Conservative steady at a time of general and Unionist Association from Tory decline in Scotland. He 1973 to 1986, now became its would probably have been president, serving for two

years.

horrified if victory had wrenched him away to He was appointed CBE in Westminster. 1981 and was knighted in 1994. Tory fortunes reached their His private passions were golf nadir in the general election of and travel. 1987, when the party lost half its parliamentary representa-

He remained a bachelor and is survived by his sister

Elizabeth.

ALEXANDER SALKIND

Alexander Salkind, film producer, died in Neuilly. France, on March 8 aged 75. He was born on Jime **2, 1921.**

LICE OU KYEL

ALEXANDER SALKIND WAS probably the only independent film producer capable of financing a blockbuster on the scale of Superman. When the film was released in 1978 it had, by conservative estimates, cost £100 million to make, a sum that even the larger Hollywood studios could ill afford to invest. Salkind had raised the money on his own, by wheeler-dealing from hotel bedrooms and restaurant tables in the seductive atmosphere of Cannes.

Salkind was an anomaly in modern Hollywood. The pro-ducers he admired most were the flamboyant moguls of a prewar generation - Jack Warner, Samuel Goldwyn and Louis B. Mayer. Much about present-day Hollywood he despised, particularly the "suits" — studio lawyers and accountants.

Taking risks, making a deal and beating the studios at their own game were what he lived for and, for the rest, he had no desire to follow convention. A yacht in Cannes served as home and a suitcase as his office. He dressed, as in some 1930s movie, completely in white, from the tip of his Panama hat to his monogram-med shirt, white socks and shoes. He maintained a wife and mistress, quite openly, for years. And his business methods, which were variously described as sharp, devious and unscrupulous, might have been learnt from reading

Raffles as boy. Salkind's peripatetic childhood meant that as an adult he spoke six languages with varying degrees of accuracy. His parents, Russian Jews in retreat from the Bolsheviks. stopped in Danzig long enough for his birth, then travelled on to Berlin, where his father gave up legal practice for films. It was a booming time for the German film industry and Mikhail Salkind shot a number of films, including an early Greta Garbo silent, Joyless Street (1925). Fleeing from the Nazis, the family caught one of the last boats from Europe and escaped to Casablanca, Cuba

and Mexico. There Alexander learnt the family business, particularly ricy-rausin His first coup, in 1945, was a comedy called Rocket to the Moon, for which he approached various Hollywood agents. It was clear that he could not afford a big star, so he was amazed when one agent suggested Buster Keaton. Keaton, it transpired, had been dropped by everyone because of his drinking, and was delighted to be given another chance for the modest fee of \$5,000.

After the war father and son returned to Europe and began making worthy, intellectual and totally unprofitable films. Austerlitz (1959) was written and directed by Abel Gance: The Trial (1962) starred Orson Welles, who held up its release

by taking a year to edit it. Salkind had reached a low point in the 1960s. His son llya, who was to take over from Mikhail as Alexander's parmer, provided a turning point. Picking up the script for The Light at the Edge of the World in an agent's office, he recognised a good Jules Verne yarn which an international audience might enjoy. Alexan-der Salkind hired Kirk Douglas, who was holidaying in

France, as the star. The money the Salkinds made from the film, released in 1971, put them back on track. Big slices of American life, not art-house movies, now became their speciality. They worked with Richard Burton and Raquel Welch in Bluebeard (1972) and found another vehicle for Welch in The Three Musketeers (1973).

The latter launched the concept of back-to-back production when, halfway through the filming, Salkind realised that the director Richard Lester had shot twice as much film as he needed. Without telling the actors, he asked the writer George MacDonald Fraser to string together the spare scenes, with a few new ones thrown in, and so make a sequel. The resulting Four Musketeers (1974) brought Salkind a host of laws suits from the actors. But Salkind could easily afford to settle with them out of the films' profits.

The next project was Superman (1978), introducing the then unknown Christopher Reeve. Again, the concept was Ilya's idea - Alexander had never heard of the caped lawenforcer. But, once persuaded. Salkind made his headquarters in Cannes and began touting distribution rights with wholehearted enthusiasm - this being the means by which he intended to fund the filming. An airborne advertising campaign, in which a swarm of planes trailed the Mediterranean sky with the slogan "You'll Believe a Man Can Fly", proved particularly seductive to distributors.

Costs, though, soon spi-ralled out of control. Several million dollars alone was paid to Marlon Brando for a few days' work on a cameo role. But Salkind kept his nerve and at the eleventh hour, when more money was needed for production to continue, forced the hand of the film's distributors, Warners. His faith in the project was proved right when it was released to vast queues outside cinemas.

Salkind was executive producer on Superman II and III (1984). But he seemed to lose his commercial touch in the last decade of his career. Santa Claus (1985), starring Dudley Moore as an elf, was a flop and so, more expensively, was Christopher Columbus (1992), which unfortunately clashed with the release of the much better 1492 by Ridley Scott. That film also caused a rift between father and son, as Ilva's girlfriend Jane Chaplin (daughter of Charlie) had put up much of her inheritance for its production. Retirement, however, was never a consideration for this tiny, energetic man. Salkind continued to hold court at his yacht in Cannes, and to welcome on board a new generation of directors and aspiring ac-

Alexander Salkind is survived by his wife Berta and their son Ilya.



PROFESSOR JOHN HARRIS

John Harris, Professor of Economic History at Birmingham University 1970-90, died on March 5 aged 73. He was born on May 14, 1923.

BY HIS research, writing and teaching over almost 50 years. and by his many-faceted anproach to his subject. John Raymond Harris left his highly individual stamp upon the study of industrial history. The unusual non-textile base of St Helens, the town in southwest Lancashire where he had grown up, first aroused his curiosity. With a schoolfriend (from the age of five). Theo Barker, he decided to inquire into how coal, copper. chemicals and glass had given rise to the growth, from the later 18th century, of a predominantly working-class population nearing 100,000 by

While still in the sixth form of the local grammar school.

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the two of them decided to write a book about the town and gave some preliminary thought to it while starting their first degrees, in Harris's case at Manchester. They went their separate ways during the war, but returned to the project as part of their graduate work, both now at Manchester, after 1950. Their book, A Merseyside Town in the Industrial Revolution: St Helens 1750-1900, appeared in 1954. It was reprinted in 1959 and again in 1993, by which ae doin of them were rented professors.

During the war Harris served with the Royal Corps of Signals, was posted to the Indian Army (then short of signallers), and subsequently saw serious fighting with the 23rd Indian division in Indo-

Back home again, he completed his first degree in 1948 and took a teacher's diploma before proceeding to a doctor-



al thesis on the copper industry, very important in the early growth of St Helens, where ore from Angelsey was shipped around the coast, down the Mersey and up the Sankey Canal to be smelted. He paid particular attention to the remarkable entrepreneur involved, Thomas Williams of

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Llanidan, whose life he subsequently published as The Conper King, a book which well illustrates his rigorous yet readable style. By then he had joined the

staff of Liverpool University and was clambering slowly der of promotion there, in the course of which he had the idea of starting Business Histony, a journal which survived a precarious infancy and still flourishes. He himself flourished, too. From a being a er at Liverdo able to move on, in 1970, to occupy the Chair of Economic History at Birmingham previously held by W. H. B Court.

Harris had already become a strong advocate of industrial archaeology, as a means of coming to grips with the practical problems of technology and at the same time of attracting the support of the many "amateurs" with a special knowledge of their area or

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industry, but with no knowledge at all of economic history. He became particularly interested in the Ironbridge Gorge Museum, one of industrial archaeology's prize exhibits. With Neil Cossons - now Sir Neil. Director of the Science Museum - he formed in 1971 the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust. He was its codirector from 1980.

When he went to Birmingham he was developing his international connections, especially with France, and his industrial technology in France and England. It was followed by a stream of artides on technical transfer and the industrial espionage that often accompanied it. These were brought together in his book Essays in Industry and Technology in the Eighteenth Century: England and France (1992). All this involved much study in French archives, which received recognition in 1990 with his appointment as

His links with North America were also strong and he was a frequent visitor there. He took an active part in the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage and was its chairman from 1981 to 1984. At home he was a member of the Council of the Economic History Society and chairman of its time-consuming but very creative publications committee between 1972 and 1985. He spent much time in London as his subject's representative on the social studies sub-committee of the University Grants Committee and its panels from 1987.

Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts

et des Lettres.

John Harris was warmhearted, generous and helpful to others. In return, he received unfailing loyalty and respect from those who came to know him, though this was not always easy, as he was basically a shy man, hesitant in conversation. There was never any pretence about him, however, and he was always

proud of his Lancashire roots. He was easygoing, but could he ruthless when necessary, as when, after becoming its Dean in 1978, he had to sort out the last vestiges of anarchy which still plagued the Faculty of Commerce and Social Science. His firm and decisive leadership secured widespread support.

He did not enjoy the best of health after the war, for he had caught amoebic dysentery in the East and this left him with recurrent digestive troufrequent, especially after his marriage in 1953 to Thelma Knockton, also from his home town of St Helens. After his wife's sudden

death in February 1994 of a hitherto undiagnosed brain tumour, he offset loneliness by keeping in touch with friends. going regularly to the university and reflecting upon his studies over the three decades for his final book, Industrial Espionage and the Transfer of Technology: Britain and France in the 18th Century. He was gratified to have completed reading the finished proofs just before his

final illness struck him. Despite the wide range of this last international study. his most profound and enduring single work was his article published in History in 1976 and republished in his Essays, entitled Skill, Coal and British Industry in the 18th Century, in which he showed how the skilful exploitation of this basic fuel — and the atmo-spheric engine needed to pump the coal mines dry gave Britain the great growth advantage over her continental rivals. No student of the Industrial Revolution can aff-

ord to ignore it. It was typical of Harris that, having been admitted to hospital with heart trouble, he insisted on writing references for two of his former students before he lapsed into unconsciousness.

He is survived by his two



PROCEEDINGS ON SHAW'S

WILL VALIDITY OF TRUST

Mr. I. J. Pitman, M.P., will ask the Minister of Education in the House of Commons after Easter what report he can make on the intentions of the trustees of the British Museum in regard to the acceptance of a legacy under the will of Bernard Shaw. It is understood that proceedings to dispute the will are likely to begin soon, and that the trustees of the museum may be one of the disputants.

In his will, published in 1951. Mr. Shaw left the residue of his estate on trust to institute and finance inquiries into the use of an alphabet containing at least 40 letters, to be called the Proposed British Alphabet. The ultimate residue was left to be divided equally between the British Museum, the National Gallery of Ireland, and the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

The validity of the trust may depend, among other things, on whether the introduction of such a new alphabet would, in the view of the court, be beneficial to the community or not. The failure of Shaw's testamentary instructions regarding the proposed British alphabet would mean that a third of a far

ON THIS DAY

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Shaw's proposals for a new one-sound. one-letter alphabet of 40 characters to replace the 26-letter alphabet, were never realised.

larger sum would go to each of the bodies mentioned in the will as the ultimate legatees. The case will probably come before the court in the next two months. Under the terms of the will the residue of

the estate was left on trust to institute and finance a series of inquiries to ascertain or estimate as lar as possible the number of extant persons who speak the English language and write it by the established and official alphabet of 26 leners; how much time could be saved per individual scribe by the substitution for the 26 letter alphabet of an alphabet containing at least 40 letters, enabling the language to be written without

indicating single sounds by groups of letters or by diacritical marks instead of by one symbol for each sound; how many of these persons are engaged in writing or printing English at any and every moment in the world; on these factors to estimate the time and labour wasted by our lack of at least 14 unequivocal single symbols; and to add where possible to the estimates of time lost or saved by the difference between the two alphabets, estimates of the loss of income in British and

American currency.

Shaw, who died in November, 1950, aged 94, left £367,233 (net value £301,585), on which duty of £180,571 had been paid. He had often discussed the subject of the proposed British alphabet with Mr. Pitman, and in a letter which he wrote to Mr. Pitman on July 19, 1944, he said:-

"I am therefore directing that my residuary estate shall accumulate for 20 years (the perpetuity limit) and be available meanwhile for financing certain exactly defined and limited operations - to wit (a) designing a new British one-sound-one-letter alphabet; (b) the transliteration into it of two or three masterpieces of English literature, including two of my own plays; and (c) the publication of these transliterations and depositing of copies in leading public libraries.

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redictions for the next millennium. not in short supply, have one glaring omission. What is the future of pornography? In 2020 AD what images will remain taboo, now that virtually all is on

The desperation to identify some new source of forbidden titillation is shown by the outcry over the certification of the film Crash by the British Board of Film Classification for viewing by those 18 or over. The Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, has reminded local authorities of their power to ban it if they choose.

All sides seem to agree that Crush links sexual arousal with ear accidents. The movie passed the BBFC's muster because, in expert opinion, it was not sado-masochistie. No one was seen to take pleasure from the suffering. The board's director, James Ferman, told Today on Radio 4: "If the film had included characters that were getting off on hurting other people, that

would have made it impossible."
"Getting off on?" Now I'm
shocked. Since when has this
earthy expression been acceptable Radio 4 speech? Taboos are falling so fast that you can't be sure what is beyond the pale.

The Daily Mail is fiercely campaigning against Crash and the BBFC, calling the film de-praved and an affront to common decency. In the same spirit, the Westminister City Council has hanned the film, unless cut,

for showing in the West End. In a letter to The Times, a Westminster councillor explained the concern for its possible "effect on those - no doubt a minority - who could be influenced by the values of the

Little except the medium (then print, now screen) seems to have changed from the kind of protective censorship exerted in 1909 by the Circulating Libraries Association, then representing, among others, W H Smith, Boots and The Times Book Club. Sharing the widespread worry about the rise in literacy, these booklenders, according to *The Times* of November 2, 1909. undertook that: "In future, we will not place in circulation any book which, by reason of the personal, scandalous, libelious, immoral, or otherwise disagreeable nature of its contents, is in our opinion likely to prove offensive to any considerable section of our subscribers.

A reader's letter to The Times congratulated the association on behalf of "the British public that cares for the sanctities of home life, for a manhood with high ideals, and a pure womanhood" for "safeguarding readers from the contamination of the nasty

Today our sanctities are guarded by the numerous media watchdogs on standards in advertising and in broadcasting. Yet did you catch Cracker on ITV on March 14? Young blonde serial killer harnesses nearnaked man to a bed. The handcuffs go on. first one, then the other. Then his feet are shackled. As the fun turns to panic he screams "Please" to no avail. For her next victim, in the graded intensification of humiliation traditional in pornography, the murderess, after tying him up, tapes his month, rubs him with Vaseline, then applies her electrodes to his extremities. If you think she didn't then switch the current, you didn't see the programme.

When this kind of sadomasochism is acceptable as free Saturday night entertainment for an audience of 7.9 million (actual viewing figures), what is the point of worrying about the impact a pretentious arty film that will be seen by merely thousands, not millions, of people over 18. they having gone out into the cold and paid a fair sum to exercise their choice?

Public taste on sex is liberalising very fast. Images once shocking (the bare breast, the condom, male nudity, the transvestite) are now acceptable on national TV and in advertisements. So what in 20 years' time will we be laughing at for having been banned in the fusty 1990s? The erect penis, for certain, ejaculation, and sexual penetration: the three elements now taboo and whose presence distinguishes hard from soft por-

nography, absolutely forbidden. The heavens will fail? I doubt it. Who 20 years ago would have thought that shots of sexual intercourse would be routine on television? Or that no film would be complete without an on-screen visit to the lavatory? More likely, we will shudder at the prudishness of the past, which made taboo the portrayal of the activities of the healthy body, yet savoured moving pictures of the human frame in a shattered state.

The profane images of 2020 AD will probably be the cigarette, the burger and the happy housewife with her elbows buried in suds. Along with these, with any luck, will be the seductive child and the emaciated female.

Amid such shifting standards, the protection of children must remain absolute, from the Internet and videos as well as from television. Far more alarming last week than the certification of Crash was the news that the 9pm watershed isn't working. Children of five and six are watching television late at night, often alone.

The answer is to keep TV out of their bedrooms and to keep someone in the house who cares what they are watching. But to try to ban a film restricted to adults. seen around the world without cuts or controversy, is worse than patronising. It is

LISTENER

Guerin role for Jodie?

THE actress Jodie Foster is being tipped to play Veronica Guerin, the murdered Irish journalist, in a Hollywood film based on her life. Sources say that Carol Doyle, the Irish film writer, is well advanced with a script for the project which is being masterminded by Jerry Bruckheimer, whose credits include Top Gun and The Rock.

The film is based in part on The Martyrdom of Veronica Guerin, an article written by the investigative reporter Mike Sager in the March edition of American GQ. Sager, meanwhile, has hit

upon a relatively untapped seam of journalistic inspiration. He is about to sign a sixfigure deal with Bruckheimer. which would give the producer the first film rights on any story he is working on. The arrangement would also allow the studio to suggest stories for Sager to report on.

It is not the first time that Sager has struck gold. Last year he landed \$750,000 from TriStar Pictures and Bruckheimer for the rights to a GQ



Jodie Foster, left, may enact the life of Veronica Guerin

story he had written about Janet Cooke, a former Washington Post reporter who wona Pulitzer Prize for a story that turned out to be bogus

Sager insists only that his latest deal with Bruckheimer would not affect his journalistic integrity or the types of stories he goes after "It just means that 18 years of journalist work is beginning to pay off retroactively." he says

Title hopes A REFRESHING new twist to rumours that the EMAPowned may Media Week

could be sold off comes with the news that Mathew Horsman, media pundit with Henderson Crosthwaite, has been having discussions with City financiers with a view to buying the troubled title. It seems that the indefatigable Horsman, who when he is not doing his day job writes columns for numerous publications and beavers away on his book on BSkyB, wants to relaunch it as a "super media title", bringing in specialist correspondents from all the national dailies as columnists. He may possibly even pen a column himself.

Pressing decision THE barons of the regional press joined John Major for lunch on the day he called the general election. All the leading proprietors were present except one. But Philip Graf, chief executive of Trimity Holdings (the largest regional newspaper publisher in Brit-ain which boasts 120 tides) insists that nothing political should be read into his absence. He sent a colleague in his place, saying that as it was the day before the board discussed the group's annual results, he had had to make a

● An article in last week's Sunday Times in which it was alleged that Cherie Booth had become anorexic after her husband became leader of the opposition in 1994 has infuriated Labour who say the allegations are totally untrue and they are seeking a retraction. The Sunday Times says it has yet to receive a complaint. Curiously, the suggestion that Ms Booth became anorexic is new, but the quote from an unnamed friend — "It's a bit like Princess Diana. She's been thrown into the public arena and she's nervous" was old, having appeared in an anonymous profile of the Labour leader's wife in The

best use of his time. Quite.

Sunday Times in 1994, Thai the piece should have been written by Sarah Baxter is also intriguing. At the New Statesman, she was a trail-blazer for New Labour and until now has been a pin-up of the young bucks who stuff Labour's rapid rebuttal unit in Millbank It is Jeared that the dog-eared photographs of her will now be removed and her name spoken in only the most hushed tones.

Not so tast

THE ASIAN AGE newspaper, published in London and Delhi, made a fatal mistake last difficult decision about the week. Seeing a wire story about "tributes pouring in to Dame Vera Lynn", a sub at the paper hastily bashed out the headline "World War It's Top Sweetheart Vera Lynn Dies. stuck it on top of the copy and pushed it through. The sad news appeared in the paper.

Closer examination revealed, however, that the tributes - from Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and John Major — were prompted by an 80th birthday bash thrown for Damne Vera at the Imperial War Museum.

"It takes me back to the war," she says. "The Japanese used to put out reports that I had been killed in an air raid in the hope that it would lower the troops' morale."

Cashing in on the action

AN INCREASING number of big-budget ads, which almost amount to mini-movies, are rapping into the current taste for Hollywood action movies such as Star Wars and Dunte's

The latest blockbuster commercial is the new Lowe Howard-Spink film for Smirnoff, out next week. This offsecond, adrenalin-pumping film shifts through seven sets and burrows heavily from Mission Impossible.

It features a villain and his henchmen in pursuit of a couple and involves runaway trains, rough seas and alien spacecraft. It took six months to film. cost an estimated El million to make (roughly five times the cost of an average commercial) and even takes its name - Smarienberg - from a combination of the Sixties chase film Last Year in Marienberg and the director Stephen Spielberg.

"The trend is emerging as brands

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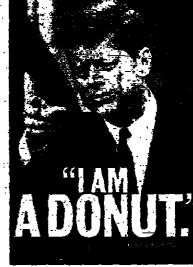
Speaking at the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising "It Pays to Advertise" conference last week. Mr Shelhourne flew in the face of received wisdom that likeability is the best route to effectiveness - that theory being that if you can get your audience to laugh or feel good, they will correspondingly remember the ad and

smile on your product. "Liking be damned. Effectiveness goes hand in hand with intitation." he said, then made his point by showing a series of commericials such as the infuriatingly memorable Shake N' Vac ad from the Seventies.

FAMOUS gaffes made by politicians when speaking foreign languages are to feature in a new press campaign for the translation company Wordbank.

They range from John Kennedy's Ich bin ein Berliner", which actually means "I am a doughnut", to Winston Churchill, who once addressed a French audience with the equivalent of When I look at my backside, I see that it's split in two parts", instead of

When I look at my past ... The agency Leo Burnett is scouring for some more recent gaffes with which to embarrass prominent British politicians in the pre-election period.



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The Jacksons are happily married. OK!

MICHAEL JACKSON, the re- and was followed up by most clusive and eccentric pop star, broke cover this week in his usual elaborately orchestrated and impeccably hyped style to show off his newborn son and give his first interview in print for 18 years.

In doing so he achieved more than simply denying rumours that his marriage is a sham. His decision to auction photographs of him at home provoked the most astonishing salvo to date in the battle between the two frothiest celebrity magazines; a payout which is being trumpeted as the biggest ever in the history of so-

national newspapers and television. In the magazine Jackson is shown playing happy families with wife Debbie Rowe and his one-month-old son, the extraordinarily named Prince Michael Junior. While the magazine will not disclose exactly how much it forked out it is understood to be well over El million and OK!'s editor Sharon Ring certainly does not underplay the deal.

We believe it is the most that anybody has ever paid for a story," she says, but also stresses the other difficulties of dealing with such a superstar. called cheque book journalism. "The money was an important The story in this week's OK! part but there were also months heat its traditional rival Hello! and months of work like all

OK! has pulled off a coup in getting the pop star to give his first interview in 18 years, says Damian Whitworth

scoops. It was like following the - ly appears to have been deeply yellow brick road but we got to the wizard in the end."

Jackson, of course, -- reputedly worth £600 million hardly needed the fee, though an undisclosed slice of it will be going to his charity Heal the World. But according to OK! he was persuaded to do the interview in order to deny recent reports that his marriage to Debbie Rowe, a nurse, is merely one of convenience.

The line of questioning hard-

claims it will list next week the questions that Jackson refused to answer and Ring insists that he was not given an easy ride.

"This is his first interview, other than one on American television, in 18 years. It's a proper interview. We said Look, there's all this speculation' and he hits back at the speculative stories. He says it's proper marriage."

The Jackson scoon is an

audacious bid to take on Hello! which, at nine-years-old, is now the establishment figure in the market having pionecred athome-with-the-stars journalism that OK! and others have aped.

If OK! is to close on Hello!, however, its robust marketing and scooping will have to be maintained. Hello! is still way out in front selling 536,000 copies a week. Sally Cartwright, publishing director of Hello! claims that the magazine was offered the Jackson scoop but the star was asking too much money. "The amount of money they felt the story was worth and what we felt it was worth were not the same."

OK! has outstripped the other challenegers to Hellos's crown

and built a circulation of 200,000, since it became a weekly publication last year, by providing readers with a slightly different package of beaming celebrities than are to be found in Hello!

One of the magazine's most successful covers ever featured the actress Michelle Collins (Cindy Beale in EastEnders) with her baby, and the magazine prides itself on avoiding the minor members of European royalty that crop up in its rival. This approach prompted Ulrika Jonsson to declare that she was bored with the aristocratic profile of Hello! "OK! has more accessible people and a more down-to-earth style than

> and INEN MA THEIR OWN I

Advertising soon at a cinema near you

Alexandra Frean on the ambitious attempt by the media company Carlton Communications to change the face of cinema advertising

inemagoers up and down the country can expect a distinctly new experience as they settle down with their popoorn and Maltesers next month. It is part of an ambitious attempt by the media company Carlton Communications to change the face of big-screen advertising.

For millions of film fans, no outing to the cinema seems complete without experiencing the unmistakable jingle of the advertising contractor Pearl & i paa da daa da daa pa pa paa" — but

for Adam Poulter, managing director of Carlton Screen Advertising, it is an irritating irrele-

Mr Poulterpoints out that although 15 years ago Pearl & Dean controlled 70 per cent of all cinema advertising, today it has just 20 per

The rest is controiled by Cariton Screen Advertising (formerly known as Cinema Media). which Carlton Communica-

tions bought last summer. In an attempt to alter the public perception of cinema advertising and expand the business. Carlton has created a striking new film identity, which will play before and after all adverts in the cinemas

it is contracted to from April. it shows a star-shaped branding iron appearing out of pink, purple and red flames and then exploding onto the

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er and harder to sell anything.

So poor old theatre has to

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plained the producer.

to get the amount of space it

does, I also understand that

we can't expect editors to be

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But we have reached a point

where most theatre interviews

are about sex rather than

acting, personal relationships

I discussed all this with the

new Company at The Old Vic.

rather than theatre.

e desperately need

publicity for our new

season. It gets hard-

Lambie Nairn (responsible among other things for the memorable screen "idents" of BBC2_Channel 4 and Carlton television) is hardly subtle.

felt that we could achieve it by very strong visually. Cinema is, after all, a form of visual

entertainment," he says. The new screen ide



Carlton: the new name in cinema advertising

the first stage in Carlton's where cinemas have historigame plan. Cinema advertis-ing in the UK currently represents just 0.8 per cent of all display advertising, the equivalent of just £70 million.

Mr Poulter aims to increase it to 1.3 per cent of all media (equivalent to a spend of £134 million) by the year 2000. To do so, he will have to achieve compound growth over four years of 65 per cent.

"A forecast of 180 million admissions and 1,000 new screens over this period makes this an ambitious, but attainable target," Mr Poulter says. It may sound ambitious, but placed within its historical context, it does indeed seem

a year. The advent of television Mr Poulter agrees that over-coming the Pearl & Dean coincided with a steady decline, reaching a low point in legacy will be a struggle. Their musical soundtrack is tomed at 54 million. everybody's authentic idea of the cinema." he says. "But we creating an 'ident' that was

revival since then, due largely to the growth in multiplex cinemas (the first was built in Milton Keynes in 1985). There are now 2100 screens in the UK and admissions last vear were 124 million. Be-1996, 500 multiplex cinemas were built. Land contracts have been signed for a further 585,

The high point of British

cinema was in 1945 when

admissions reached 1.6 billion

1984 when admissions bot-

There has been a steady

where construction is expected to start in 1997 and 1998. That simply, is where we see the growth coming from. There will be more screens, bigger audiences and more minutage." Mr Poulter says.

Unlike America. cally been largely ad-free zones, cinema-goers in the UK have come to see cinema entertainment

Once the domain of tacky local curry house ads, cinema advertising has made great strides in the past two decades. The steady improvement in production values, special offects, sound quality and graphics in films and trailers

has been mirrored in the big screen advertisements that precede them. The latest adverts for Levi's. Pirelli and Virgin Atlantic are all testimony to this. As is the list of new advertisers lured to the cinema



For years, no outing to the cinema was complete without experiencing the unmistakable jingle of the advertising contractor Pearl & Dean

Häagen-Dazs. Nissan Micra, Sony PlayStation, and Whitbread's Boddingtons.

roviding that the adverts do not last more than 13 minutes, audiences do not just tolerate them, they now frequently welcome them.

Because of the dedicated, distruction-free environment in which they are watched, cinema advertisements are reckoned in the industry to be five times more memorable to viewers than television ads. And because of the nature of the cinema audience, they are arguably easier to target

Although the core cinema audience of 16 to 30-year-olds has grown by 60 per cent in the past decade, the biggest increases have been at the periphery. The number of 7 to 14-year-olds going to the cine-ma has tripled over the same time, while the 30-plus age group has quadrupled.

This reflects the widening range of films available (a phenomenon itself made possible by the advent of the multiplex) with an increase in children's films, such as Toy Story, Lost World and Batman and Robin at the younger end and a growth in things at the other such as

Sense and Sensibility, and The English Patient. It is among advertisers tar-

geting these two groups that Carlton is expecting most of its growth - confectionery and tov manufacturers at one end of the scale and luxury goods, financial services and cars at the other. Mr Poulter, who has in-

creased his staff 40 per cent to 51. dismisses industry speculation that the only way he will be able to achieve his target is through a conditional sell of Carlton's television and cinema advertising as a package. "We are an independent,

autonomous operation," he

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TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE WITHIN THE CITY OF LONDON

Lambs to the slaughter

agreed to help and there are shout louder to gain attention. some big names among them that are attractive to the press. We all knew the dangers. Take A few years ago, I was Lynn Barber.

casting a play in the West End Being written about by and suggested a major actor to Lynn Barber must be an my producer. Please don't awesome experience. She is have him." he said. I couldn't the undoubted star of the understand this - he was perfectly suited to the part. proceedings - nut her subject - and she is only interested in He will not give interviews. whom she is interviewing so We can't afford that," exthat she can express her prejudices and parade her Actors are more reluctant to resentments. She is bitchy talk to the press because the (though usually amusing) and rules have changed over the writes brilliantly. She is the past few years. I know I shall Columnist of the Year. he told that the theatre is lucky

Well... Felicity Kendal agreed to do a major interview to promote our Old Vic season: I suppose it is time I was Barbered," she said cheerfully. was grateful to her for traipsing off to the slaughter.

And slaughter it was though there were some nice pictures. There was, unfortunately, very little about Felicity's work at The Old Vic: bui a great deal about her private life. Here are two extracts: "Personally, if a man says he fancies Felicity Kendal, I take it as a sign that he is sexually defunct. But don't mind me. I bewildered

Theatre critics are only interested in titillation, says Peter Hall

are

am jealous." And: "Of course. she looked wonderful, wonderful skin, hair, figure -- even her neck is unlined - though I was secretly gratified to notice that her hands looked older than mine, hideous knotted bony claws with

crimson taions." Then Miss Barber moved on to Felicity's marriages and a list of her presumed lovers.

I greeted Felicity nervously the morning after publication. She was very cheerful. ("I rather was dreading it." she said. But it was

fine. I've known people come out of it much tongueing felicity Kendal". In worse." And in a sense she was right. I was clear who had come out of it badly, and it wasn't Felicity Kendal.

Matters were not improved a few days later when a

Pennington came to rehearsal fresh from being interviewed by The Independent. The first question had been related to a scene in Waste, which the interviewer had seen, "What's it like to snog Felicity Kendal?"

he asked. "Do you tongue each other... tongue down the throat?" Mich-'Most ael defended himstories about sex, not acting'

ington denies

self: "I think tongues are cheating when it comes to stage kissing. The audience can't see it... playing love scenes is daft." 1 imagined an Independent headline reading "Penn-

the event, the interview turned out an interesting read, and there were even a few small mentions of the play. Cynics think that none of this matters. All that matters is that the theatre is talked about. But it

worries me. Actors are hard-working, generous and re-sponsible people. In my experience, they are no more promiseuous or hypocritical or treacherous than the rest of the population. So I don't like them being represented as sexobsessed loonies. The only thing that mea-

sures up to sex as a lure for the press is the whiff of conflict. This is just a mini-National Theatre," said one journalist sniffily at our first press conference. "What makes you think people need The Old Vic? You're raking on Trevor Nunn. aren't you?" What I should have done

was to ring up my old friends, Richard Eyre and Trevor Nunn at the National Theatre. and Adrian Noble at the Royal Shakespeare Company and warn them that as I desperately needed the occasional front page, they were not to believe the outrageous things they would read the following day. Then I should have stood up and said: "I throw down a gauntlet to Trevor Nunn and his new National Theatre," or "Adrian Noble better watch

out - we're after his Burbican

God, Waste has had a marvellous critical reception. In these early days of building an audience, good notices are important. There was one vociferous objector, Michael Coveney, in The Observer, who reminds me of the small child who is

given an egg to hold and is

cautioned not to squeeze it.

Unfortunately, there are al-ways a few children who will

be tempted to close the hand

audience." But I didn't. Thank

and crush the egg. Now I don't want anybody (and certainly not Coveney) to think that I object to him hating Waste (a bloodless hieratic production") and my work in general: it is his right as a critic. But at the end of his notice, he parades his prejudice by writing off the rest of the season - which, for obvious reasons, he hasn't yet seen. The evening never lives up to the subject, and presages a worthy season rather than an essential or pulsatingly attrac-

tive one." This is maximum damage with minimum evidence. There are eight productions by other directors, including exciting new plays. But Coveney has made up his mind already. A pity...

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Receivers cannot recover both purchase price and property purchased

Sharp and Others v Woolwich Building Society Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichenie, Lord Steyn and

|Speeches February 27| The effect of section 53(7) of the insolvency Act 1986 was to make available to receivers as security under a floating charge the prop-erry in which the company had a beneficial interest but excluded property to which the company held the recorded title but had no beneficial interest.

The House of Lords so held in "Fowing an appeal by the second wiender, Woowich Building Society, against a lecision of the First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Sesson (the Lord President (Lord Hose), Lord Sutherland and Lord Cousfield) (1995 SLT 837) upholding a lecision of the Lord Ordinary granting, inter alia, a declarator in favour of the respon-dents, receivers appointed under section 53(1), that a floating charge granted by Albyn Construction Ltd utached to a flat at 10 Whinhill Road, Aberdeen, upon their nent as receivers and that they were entitled to exercise their

The first defenders, Mr and Miss/Thomson, claimed to be the beneficial owners of the flat as purchasers for money having borrowed money from the

Act 1985 provides: "(I) It is com-petent under the law of Scotland for an incorporated company ... for the purpose of securing any debt ... to create in favour of the creditor in the debt ... a floating charge, over all or any part of the property (including uncalled cap-ital) which may from time to time be comprised in its property and

Section 53 provides: "(7) On the appointment of a receiver under this section, the floating charge by virtue of which he was appointed attaches to the property then subject to the charge: and such attachment has effect as if the charge was a fixed security over property to which it has

Mr Colin Campbell, QC and Mr A. R. W. Young for the appellants; Mr R. D. MacKay, QC and Mr P. S. Hodge, QC, for the respondents.

LORD JAUNCEY said that on July 2, 1984 Albyn granted a floating charge over the whole of its property which might from time to time be "comprised in out property and undertakings". The floating charge was duly reg-istered with the Registrar of

Albyn then entered into missives at a price of £40,000 which was duly paid having been borrowed from the appellants. Entry was given on April 14, 1989. On August 9, 1990 Albyn delivered an executed disposition of the flat to the

Thomsons' solicitors. On August 10, 1990 the respondents were appointed as receivers by the holders of the floating charge.

On August 21, 1990 the disposition together with a standard security granted by the Thomsons the General Register of Sasines. Thereafter a dispute arose be-

tween the respondents on the one hand and the Thomsons and the appellants on the other as to whether the floating charge attached to the flat on August 10. In the course of a carefully

reasoned judgment the Lord President concluded that since in the law of Scotland there could be no fragmentation of the concept of ownership and since property in of the relevant deed in the appro-priate register it followed that the property in the flat remained in Albyn at the time when the floating charge attached.

When floating charges were introduced by the Companies (Floating Charges) (Scotland) Act 1901 they were a novel conception the law of Scotland. They required to be registered after granting but only in the register in the companies office.
They might never crystallise.

attached to heritage it had been be left to rank with other creditors generally accepted that they had in any proceedings to recover what they had paid. the immediate effect of a recorded Conversely, the holders of the standard security. The result was floating charge would have avail-able as a fund out of which to to create a real right in land which had not been recorded in the appropriate register of heritable satisfy Albyn's indebtedness to rights and which took precedence

recorded. That was indeed a as they might realise on the sale of significant innovation. The appellants accepted that a Albyn's property for the purposes of section 53(7) theoretically included both the purchase price d feudal title to the flat could only have been acquired by record-ing Albyn's disposition but they and the flat itself. On any view that argued that property for the pur would be an unjust result. poses of the floating charge and section 53(7) of the 1986 Act was not The appellants were neither seeking to elevate the delivery of a disposition per se into the creation ion per se into the creati synonymous with a feudal title to

over any prior grant of heritable

heritage. Rather thid property in

carry a defeasible personal right enforceable against the disponers.

In the law of Scotland property in

heritage was always vested in the

holder of the recorded title thereto

The argument for the respon-dents which was accepted below produced a most inequitable result

lants who had between them paid

lawful disposal.

of real right nor to qualify the rule that recording is necessary to the context of heritage connote the current beneficial interest in the perfect a title good against bona subjects which was capable of fide third parties. Furthermore, the appellants ac-The respondents, on the other cepted that the rights conferred by hand, maintained that the prop-Albyn's disposition would have yielded to a disposition in favour of erty in the flat was at all materia times in Albyn, that the delivery of a bona fide purchaser for value the disposition did no more than prior to August 21, 1990.

They were accordingly not seeking to challenge any to the propo-sitions anent feudal rights contained in the respondents' authorities. There was in his Lordship's view no principle which required that the word property occurring in relation to crystallisation of a floating charge had to be given the restricted meaning sought by the

purchase price as remained in

There was, on the other hand, everything to be said for giving it a practical common sense meaning which was likely to produce a fair and equitable results between the parties affected by the

Property was not a technical legal expression and neither in the

Brooks v Lind and Others

A newspaper report of descriptions of a local councillor as forming

part of a "mafia", and of decision

in which he had had a part as

"sheer lunacy" and "gross mal-administration" had not been

defamatory. The phrase "ma-licious misuse of public money", as

a description of the funding by his

local authority of consultations

with lawyers to consider support-

ing him in an action for defama-

Lord Coulsfield, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of

Session, so held, granting decree of absolvitor in favour of Mr Gordon

Lind and others in an action for

alleged defamation brought

against them by Mr James Brooks.

McLaughlin for the defenders.

Mr Derek Francis for the our-

LORD COULSIIFLD said that

the pursuer complained of two articles published in the Airdrie &

Coatbridge Advertiser in connec-

rest in such litigation it had

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been fair comment.

Before Lord Caulsfield

Budgment February 28

construe "property and undertaking" in a practical and realistic way having regard to the context in which the expression occurred. them, not only so much of the The purpose of a floating charge bonis in Albyn but also such sum

Companies Act 1985 nor in the 1986

Act was there to be found any

exhaustive definition of the word.

was therefore appropriate to

was to provide security to the holder in preference to the general creditors and the role of a receiver. once appointed, was to deal with the property of the company to which the floating charge had attached in such a way as to satisfy the debt thereby secured.

There was nothing in the legisla tion which specifically conferred on a receiver the right to do that which the company could not have done. Had Albyn after receiving the price and delivering the disposition to the Thomsons carried out the same exercise with a third party or granted a standard security over the flat in exchange for a loan it would have committed a fraud but the ability to commit such a fraud did not amount to a beneficial right of property: see Heritable Reversionary Co Ltd v

Millar ((1892) 19R (HL) 43). If the respondents were entitled mow to sell the flat for which Albyn had already been paid they would effectively be confiscation that in which the only beneficial interest was in the Thomsons and the appellants and doing that which Albyn could not lawfully

Had the legislation intended to confer confiscatory powers upon receivers such as neither to trustees in bankruptcy nor to liquidators it was more than remarkable that there was no specific provision to that effect. When the statutory provisions

ing they had to be given the practical meaning of property which was available for the use of the company, in which it had a beneficial interest, and which it was in law entitled to dispone or subject to heritable security.

Those provisions were concerned with what was lawfully available to satisfy a company's obligations to the holder of a floating charge and not with formalities of feudal title.

The position of a receiver appointed under a floating charge differed from that of a trustee in bankruptcy or a liquidator in that it was accepted that his appointment created a real right in security over the company's heritage whereas the Act and warrant of confirmation without registration did not clothe the true sequestration with a feudal title to the bankrupt's heritable actute bankrupt's heritable estate. ularly, a liquidator on appointment did not thereby acquire a real Those distinctions were ba-

sically procedural. However, if the respondents' argument were cor-rect it would mean that not only charge have the procedural advantage of obtaining a real right of security without having to record any document of creation but that he obtained a further advantage in acquiring a right over heritable property which could not be ob-tained by a trustee in sequestration or a liquid

It would require very clear statutory provision to persuade his intended such a result. At the time when the floating

charge crystallised by the appoint ment of the respondents Albyn held the recorded title to the flat referred to property and undertak-

therein. The ability to grant deeds in fraud of the disposition to the Thomsons did not amount to a

right of property in law. The effect of section 53(7) was to make available as security all the property in which Albyn had a

Since Albyn had no such interest in the flat at the date of crystallisation it followed that the nating charge did not attach

LORD CLYDE, concurring. said that at one stage in his argument counsel for the respondents indicated that the consequences of constraing the words "property and undertaking" in the way for which the appellants contended would have serious consequences both for the practical operation of floating charges and for the law of Scotland.

But the practical consequences when explored did not appear to nvolve greater difficulty than was already encountered in the kinds of inquiry which the receiver would equire in any event to undertake.

Counsel accepted that there were able property was concerned and although concern was expressed in the First Division about the uncertainties in the operation of a floating charge which would follow upon the appellants' success, in the formulation of the argument House it was eventually not strenuously maintained that any serious problems should ensue. Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord

Solicitors: Dyson Bell Martin. Victoria for Dundas & Wilson, CS. Edinburgh; Clyde & Co for Paull &

Power to protect wife's interest in home

McMahon's Trustee v

McMahon Before Lord Prosser, Lord Johnston and Lord Wylie

Dudement February III Where a family homewas owned in common by the wie and her husband's trustee in lankruptcy. and both before ant after he husband's sequestration the wife had paid the instalments of a loan secured over the whoe property, thereby preventing its sale by the secured creditor, the lower of the court to impose conditions on a sale of the property by the trustee. under the Scottish equivalent of section 336 of the Inolvency Act 1986 in England, extended to requiring him to make rechouse had increased in value aring the time she lad repaid the

An Extra Division of the Inner House of the Courtol Session so held, refusing an opeal by Mr Gerald Rankin, tastee on the sequestrated estatesof Mr Robert McMahon, againsthe refusal of the Sheriff at Airdr to dismiss a counterclaim by Mrs Wilma

Section 40 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 rovides: "(2) Where it permanent trustee requires a obtain the authority of the cort . . . the court. after having regrd to all the circumstances of te case, includ-

ng —
(a) the needs and financial resources of the dotor's spouse or forner spouse: (b) the needs and financial resources of an child of the

(d) the length of the period during whiche family home was used as a restence by any of the person referred to in pararaph may refuse to grant the application or may postpone the grunting

of the application for such period (not exceeding 12 months) as it may stances or may grant the application subject to such conditions as it may prescribe."

Mr Patrick Hodge, QC. for the pursuer and appellant; Mr Mich-ael Upton for the defender and

LORD PROSSER, delivering the opinion of the court, said that the bankrupt's estates included a half share in the family home. The respondent did not consent to a sale, and accordingly the trustee sought the necessary authority of the court under section 40. in response, the respondent

sought the imposition of a con-dition that she should receive from the sale proceeds half of the increase in the value of the subjects from when she had begun to repay a loan secured over them, or half of the repayments made by her.

The appellant contended that section 40(2) did not empower the court to require the payment of part of the sale proceeds to a dependent relative who was also a

The Report of the Cork Committee on Insolvency Law and Practice (Cmnd SSSS) indicated that the mischief at issue was the effect of bankruptcy on the family's need to prefer other family interests or in consequence to cancel part or whole the rights of

The statute contained no general the fund available for creditors. Practical considerations supported

that view, for otherwise the process of sale could open up an inquiry of the kind which one would expect to find in a complicated divorce.

If such applications were liable to give rise to such difficulty, it would become questionable whether trustees would attempt to realise such properties at all.

Furthermore, prescribing conditions under section 40(2) so as to give preference to the claims of a dependent snouse over other creditors would run counter to the careful equalising provisions which had always been part of Scots bankruptcy law.

It was common ground that in loan repayments made prior to the sequestration, the respondent was Her claim in respect of sub-

sequent repayments, or the simultaneous increase in the property's value, was a claim against the trust estate, which she was entitled to enforce prior to the paripassu ranking between the pre-sequestration creditors. Both were claims in unjustified enrichment.

It was accepted by the respondent that conditions could not be imposed in favour of persons other than the contemplated depen-dants; that they had in some way to or occupation; and that they had to It was in the Cork Report, rather

than section 40, that the appellant found indications of a fairly specific function to be served by any There was a possible flaw in that anoroach; unless scrutiny of the

as to th there should be no need to go to hackground documents. In any event, the report had

emphatically abstained from delining the types of condition that would provide the desired protection, and had opted for leaving the matter to the absolute discretion of

the court (paragraph 1131). ships could find no basis for reading it as imposing any constraints other than those conceded by the respondent. It might well be that it would only rarely or in unusual circumstances be seen as reasonable to produce a material diminution of the fund available for the creditors.

The fact that a hypothetical condition was competent did not mean that it was in the least likely to be imposed. Leaving the matter to the court did not imply a lack of control; it was a different type of control, perhaps less predictable and certain than the use of detailed specification of rights, but none th less appropriate, as the Cork Report recognised, in the interests of achieving justice in individual

While there might be cases that gave rise to wide and perhaps complex inquiry, that possibility was opened up not so much by the possible variety of conditions to be considered, but by the width and variety of the circumstances to which the section told the court that it might have regard.

As for the ranking of creditors, section 40(2) was only one of a number of provisions which would result in a diminution of the fund available to them. It could be looked at as a preliminary matter, after which the ranking provisions operated in the normal way.

tion with his activities as a councillor, deputy provost and Labour group leader on Monklands Dis-Law agents: John G. Gray & Co, Cumbernauld: Simpson & Marwick, WS. for Moore & Part-Monklands Mafia to describe him and other councillors who ners, Cumbernauld.

'Monklands Mafia' claim not defamatory d the expression onklandsgate had been app expression

lied to their activities.

However, it was reasonably clear and not disputed, that while those terms had been used to express criticism, they did not in themselves convey any suggestion of dishonest or improper activities. The first of the two articles complained of had reported a council meeting called to discuss a joint wenture that the council had entered into with a bank to develop

a shopping centre. The project had exceeded its budget and the council had been asked to approve the payment of a further sum of £1,000,000 towards its completion. The newspaper had named the oursuer as one of the councillors responsible for the joint venture agreement and had reported a dissenting councillor as saying that "it is sheer lunacy and gross

maladministration". It had been a fair report of the meeting. The second article had concerned consultations that had been held between the council's solic itors and, the solicitors understood, the council over the possibility of proceedings for defamation because of the use of expressions such as "Monklands

had decided to support legal action by the pursuer and another coun-cillor, on the advice of counsel no

Zehnacker dismissed the apolicant

and other employees who worked

as cleaners at the school, and the

In proceedings by the applicant for a declaration that the notice of dismissal served on her had not

brought to an end her employment relationship with Zehnacker, the

Arbeitsgericht referred the ques-tion whether Council Directive

77/187/EEC of February 14, 1977 on

the approximation of the laws of

its premises to Lefarth.

The article had reported the chairman of the local Conservative Party as commenting on the fund-ing of the joint venture and of the legal consultations and as writing to the Local Government Audit Commission to say "there has been a malicious misuse of public money and it would seem appropriate that consideration should be given to surcharging the two

the action", identifying one of them In their context, even on the assumption that the expressions "sheer lunary" and "gross mal-administration" applied to the pursuer rather than to the council. they were not defamatory.

It was clear that the word "lunacy" was not to be taken literally. "Gross maladministration" was a criticism of the pursuer's judgment, not of his honesty.

Both expressions were examples of the "rough language" with which Lord McLaren had said in McLaughlan v Örr Pollock & Co ((1894) 22 R 38) those concerned with the conduct of public business had to put up. The suggestion that the pursuer should be surcharged neither necessarily nor in the present context implied

misuse of public money" implied personal criticism of the pursuer.

tions about legal action had been taken for wrong motives, and his Lordship had come to the view that

The phrase did not infer per-sonal dishonesty. It might infer that that the legal action was to have been undertaken, at least in rather than for the benefit or some legitimate interest of the council but in all the circumstances, in his Lordship's opinion, that was a comment which could honestly and reasonably be made and

The exuncil meeting, the report Commission were all orivilesed the substance of the latter com-

plaint was also privileged. His Lordship reserved his opinion on the extent of privilege, but was not satisfied that, had it contained defamatory matter that had not been fair comment. letter, as opposed to the fact that a have been entitled to the benefit of qualified privilege: see Mutch v Robertson (1981 SLT 217): Webb v Times Publishing Co [[1962] QB 535) and Gatley on Libel and Slander paragraph 56Off).

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Divorce order is enforceable abroad

🉏 Yan den Booard v Laumen Case C-220/95

Before J. C. Moinho de Almeida, President of Fit Chamber and Judges C. Gulann, D. A. O. Edward, J.-P. bissochet and P. Advante Gened F. G. Jacobs

(Opinion Decemer 12)

Judgment Febrary 27 An order in dorce proceedings for payment of aump sum and the transfer of owership of certain property was enforceable in other contraing state under the Brussels onvention if its purpose was tensure the former nouse's maintance.

The Fifth Chroher of the Court of Justice of the uropean Commu-nities so hele when giving a preliminary rung, pursuant to a reference by th Arrondissementsrechtbank te ansterdam under the protocol of one 3, 1971 on the interpretation by the European Court of the Fussels Convention of September 2, 1968 on Jurisdiction and the Elorcement of Judg-ments in Civ and Commercial Matters, as mended by the Convention of October 9, 1978 on the accession (Denmark, Ireland and the Unite Kingdom (C) 1978 L304 p77) and the Convention of October 25, 192 on the accession of Pr. Hellenic Republic (OJ 1982 1988 pt).

The parties were married in The Netherlands in 1957 under the regime of community of property. In 1980 they intered into a marriage contret, again in The Netherlands, which altered their matrimonial regime into one of separation of oods.

In 1982 the moved to London and in 199 the High Court dissolved thenarriage.

In her application for ancillary relief the wifeought a ekstn break

between herelf and her husband. and the cort awarded her a capital sum o that periodic pay-ments of mintenance would be The court et the total amount which the wie should be awarded in order to provide for herself at a certain figure, of which part was covered by her own funds, the sale

court ordered the husband to pay the wife a lump sum. The cour had held that the senaration of goods agreement

of moveable property and the

transfer to the wife of certain

property. As to the remainder the

purposes of its decision. On an application by the wife for enforcement of the English judg-ment in The Netherlands, one question which arose was whether the ancillary relief order was excluded from the scope of the Brussels Convention by article for whether it could be covered under

article 5(2).

Article I provides: "This Convention ... shall not apply to: (I) ...
rights in property arising out of a
matrimonial relationship..."

Article 5 provides: "A person
domiciled in a contracting state may, in another contracting state, be sued ... (2) in matters relating

In its judgment the Fifth Chamber of the Court of Justice held: The Convention did not define rights in property arising out of a relationship had to be distinguished as only the latter was covered by the

Convention. Because on divorce an English court could, by the same decision. relationships of the parties and matters of maintenance, the court from which leave to enforce was sought must distinguish between those aspects of the decision which

ship and those relating to mainte nance, having regard in each case to the specific aim of the decision

It should be possible to deduce that aim from the reasoning of the decision in question. If it showed that a provision

awarded was designed to enable one spouse to provide for him or herself or if the needs and resources of each spouse were taken into consideration in the determmation of its amount, the decision would be concerned with On the other hand, where the

provision awanted was solely concerned with dividing property between the spouses, the decision would be concerned with rights in property arising out of a matri montal relations A decision which did both things could, in accordance with article 42

of the Convention, be enforced in part if it clearly showed the aims to which the different parts of the judicial provision corresponded. It made no difference that pay-ment of maintenance was provided for in the form of a lump sum rather than periodical payments. That form of payment could also be in the nature of maintenance where the capital sum was designed to secure a predetermined made by the court of origin could not alter the nature of the aim

pursued by the decision. . Likewise the fact that the decision also ordered ownership in certain property to be transferred between the former spouses could not call in question the nature of the decision as an order for the provision of maintenance; the aim was still to make provision, by means of a capital sum, for the maintenance of one of the former

The English court's statement that it did not consider itself bound by the separation of goods agree-ment should be read in its context and in any event was not relevan for the purposes of defining the re of the decision.

On those grounds the European Court of Justice ruled: A decision rendered in divorce proceedings ordering payment of a lump sum and transfer of owner-ship in certain property by one party to his or her former spouse must be regarded as relating to maintenance and therefore as falling with the scope of the Brussels

Convention, as amended, if its purpose was to ensure the former

spouse's maintenance.
The fact that in its decision the

court of origin disregarded a

Suzen, the applicant, assigned her to eleaning operations in a school,

had to strike a genuine balance

between the citizen's interest in

obtaining access to documents and

its own interest in protecting the

It did not appear from the

decision letter of February 1995

that the Commission had fulfilled

its duty to undertake a genuine

balancing of competing interests, and the Commission, in giving no

categories of document, of its

reasons for considering that the

documents in question were re-lated to a possible infringement

proceeding, had not adequately

as required by article 190 of the

reasons for its decision.

indication, even by reference

confidentiality of its deliberations.

refuse access in order to protect the institution's interest in the also relied on by the Commission in the present case, was in discretionary terms, the Commission

> conclusiv It had been held that the

applicable, there was no need for

whose activity was not limited to performing one specific works contract: Case C-48/94 Ledernes Hovedorganisation v Dansk Arbejdsgiverforening (The Times October 20, 1995; [1996] ICR 333; [1995] ECR I-2745, paragraph 20]. The term "entity" thus referred to an organised grouping of per-sons and assets facilitating the

apply to the transfer of an under-taking, business or part of a business to another employer as a be made and could not be consid-

did not support the conclu operation was actually continued

> The mere loss of a service contract to a competitor could not therefore by itself indicate the existence of a transfer within the directive in those circumstances the service undertaking previously entrusted with the contract did not, on losing a customer, thereby cease fully to exist, and a business or part of a business belonging to it could not be considered to have been transferred to the new

> Moreover, although the transfer of assets was one of the relevant criteria in deciding whether an undertaking had been transferred. the absence of such assets did not necessarily preclude the existence of such a transfer.

the facts characterising the transaction, had to take into account among other things the type of undertaking or business thereof, and the letter to the Audit occasions. The question remained

Whether employees' rights are protected under a contract between the school and Zehnacker. On the termination of that contract,

Gebäudereinigung GmbH Krankenhausservice (Lefarth GmbH. party joined) Case C-13/95

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President and Judges J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, J. L. Murray, L. Sevon, P. J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann, D. A. O. Edward, J.-P. Puissochet, G. Hirsch, P. Jann and Advocate General A. La Pergola

(Opinion October 15, 1996) [Judgment March II]

Where a person terminated a contract for the cleaning of his premises and entered into a new contract with another undertaking for the performance of simi work, the Community directive on rights in the event of transfers of undertakings did not apply if there was no transfer from the first indertaking to the second significant assets or a major part of the workforce assigned to the work by the first undertaking. The Court of Justice of the

European Communities so held on a reference by the Arbeitsgericht (Labour Court), Bonn, for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty. Zehnacker, the employer of Ayse the member states relating to the saleguarding of employees' rights takings, businesses or parts of businesses (OJ 1977 L61 p26) applied in the circumstances. Article 1 of Directive 77/187 provides: "(1) This directive shall

In its judgment the Court of Justice held: The aim of the directive was to ensure continuity of employment relationships within a business, irrespective of any change of ownership. The decisive criterion for establishing the existence of a transfer was whether the entity retained its identity, as indicated, inter alia, by the fact that its

result of a legal transfer or

While the lack of any contractual link between the transferor and transferee or, as in the precase, between two undertakings cleaning of a school, might point to the absence of a transfer in the meaning of the directive, it was not

directive was applicable wherever, in the context of contractual relations, there was a change in the natural or legal person who was responsible for carrying on the sess and who incurred the obligations of an employer towards employees of the undertaking.
Thus, for the directive to be

there to be any direct contractual relationship between the transferor and the transferee the transfer might also take place in two stages, through the intermediary of a third party such as the owner

However, the transfer must relate to a stable economic entity

exercise of an economic activity which pursued a specific objective. To determine whether the conditions for the transfer of an entity were met, it was necessary to consider all the facts characterising the transaction, in particular those stated in Case 24/85 Spijkers v Gebroeders Benedik Abattoir CV [1986] ECR ilio, paragraph 13). All those circumstances were merely single factors in the overall assessment to

ered in isolation. The mere fact that the service provided by the old and new awardees of a contract was similar an economic entity had been transferred. An entity could not be reduced to the activity entrusted to from other factors such as its workforce, its management staff, the way in which its work was organised, its operating methods, and, where appropriate, the opera-tional resources available to it.

awardee of the contract.

The national court, in assessing It followed that the degree of criterion for determining whether or not there had been a transfer would vary according to the activity carried on, and the production

or operating methods employed in the undertaking. Where in particular an economic entity was able, in certain sectors. to function without any significant tangible or intangible assets the intenance of its identity following the transaction could not, gically, depend on the transfer of such assets.

The factual circumstances to be taken into account included, in addition to the degree of similarity of the activity carried on before and after the transfer and the type of business concerned, whether the majority of the employees were taken over by the new employer:

Spijkers, paragraph 13. Since in certain labour-intensive sectors a group of workers en-gaged in a joint activity on a gaged in a joint activity on a permanent basis might constitute an economic entity, it had to be recognised that such an entity was capable of maintaining its identity after it had been transferred where the new employer did not merely pursue the activity in question bu also took over a major part, in terms of their numbers and skill of the employees specially assigned by his predecessor to that task. In those circumstances, the new

transferor undertaking on a regu-It was for the national court to establish, in the light of that terpretative guidance, whether a transfer had occurred in the

employer took over a body of assets enabling him to carry on the

activities or certain activities of the

present case. On those grounds the Court of Justice ruled: Article I(I) of Directive 77/187

was to be interpreted as meaning that the directive did not apply to a had entrusted the cleaning of his premises to a first undertaking terminated his contract with the latter and, for the performance of similar work, entered into a new contract with a second undertaking, if there was no concomitant transfer from one undertaking to the other of significant tangible or intangible assets or taking over by the new employer of a major part of the workforce, in terms of their numbers and skills, assigned by his predecessor to the performance

count in that regard. Reasons for document secrecy to be given

WWF UK (World Wide Fund for Nature) (supported by Kingdom of Sweden, intervener) v Commission of the European Communities (supported by French Republic and United Kingdom. interveners)

Case T-105/95 Although the refusal by the Commission of the European Communities of access to documents relating to an investigation which might lead to infringement proceedings under article 169 of the EU Treaty was justifiable on the ground of protection of the public interest, the Commission was not entitled simply to invoke that ground without more, but was required to indicate, at the very least by reference to categories of it considered that the documents

opening of an infringement The Fourth Chamber (Extended Composition) of the Court of First

Instance of the European Communities so held on March 5 when annulling a Commission decision of February 2, 1995 to refuse the applicant access to documents relating to the Commission's examination of an Irish Government project to build a visitors' centre at Mullaghmore in Burren National Park, Ireland, after the Commission, having investigated allegations that the project inwas inclinible for structural funds. had announced that it did not intend to initiate Treaty infringement proceedings.

The Court said that the code of

conduct on public access to Com-

mission and Council documents,

adonted by the Commission under

article 1 of Decision 94/90/ECSC.

EC. Euratom on public access to Commission documents (OJ 1994 L46 o58) contained two categories of exception to the general principle of citizens' access to Commission documents, of which the first, including the protection of the public interest, was drafted in mandatory terms.

While the Commission was not obliged to furnish, in respect of each document, "imperative reasons" to justify the application of the public interest exception and thereby risk jeopardising the essential function of the exception. it was required to indicate to which subject matter the documents related and particularly whether they involved inspections or investigations relating to a possible

procedure for intringement of Community law. Although the secund category The institutions ... may also

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view: Matthew Bond on a lam trip

OPINION

Surprisingly, it could be in the

interests of Labour, as well as the

Tories, to emphasise Britain's eco-

vesterday - the appointment of ar-

anti-drugs supremo or "czar" -- to

lead the "war on drugs" may rea

prove to be the best instrument for

his intentionsPage 10

Jury service should not be treated lightly. These women's actions sag-

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administration of justice.... Fage 19

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Cheer up, Mr Brown

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NEWS

Labour wants union role for judges

Labour was forced to disclose more details of its plans for trade union recognition, announcing for the first time that judges would have the final say in any disputes between employers and their workforce over recognising unions.

As Michael Heseltine accused the party of putting power back into the hands of trade unionists, Labour strategists had rapidly to flesh out its employment policy, adding detailsPages 1, 10, 19 throughout the day.

Tory party members move to oust MP

■ Senior Conservative party members have begun moves to force Tim Smith, the MP who accepted £25,000 in cash from Mohamed Al Fayed, to stand down before the general election. Officers in his Beaconsfield constituency association are ... Pages 1, 19 consulting grassroots members...

Jurors jailed

A judge who jailed two women jurors for 30 days for contempt of court after they refused to take part in the jury's deliberations defended his decision to imprison .. Pages 1, 2, 19

Rifkind accusation

Malcolm Rifkind thrust Europe to the centre of the election campaign by accusing his European partners of trying every two or three years to "lurch in a federal-....Page 2 ist direction".....

Murderer aged 12

Sharon Carr, Britain's youngest female murderer, was ordered to be detained at Her Majesty's Pleasure after being found guilty of killing a teenage woman whenPage 5 she was 12 ..

Back on stage

The Arts Council approved twoyear itineraries for the Royal Opera and the Royal Ballet, just 16 weeks before the companies were to become homeless Page 6

Marconi bequest

The Marconi Collection of items from the earliest days of radio is to be given to the Science Museum after a U-turn by the electronics firm GEC-Marconi..... Page 6

Risks of fame

Sandie Shaw, the sixties pop star, singled out the Spice Girls when she told a university conference about the dangers of stress to

Last cavalry charge

The Army's last cavalry charge, against the Dervishes at Omdurman in 1898, is graphically described in an officer's unpublished diary which is to be auctioned in WiltshirePage 8

Dome of delight

On paper, the Millennium Dome looks not unlike a giant whoopee cushion pierced with cocktail sticks. In reality, it will be big enough to take 13 Albert Halls, or 50,000 people Page 9

Frankfurt protests

More than 20,000 German steelworkers protested in Frankfurt against banks. They made bonfires out of bank statements and chanted: "We will not be cheated out of our jobs."......Page 12 Travellers warned

The Foreign Office warned British travellers to avoid the West Bank and Gaza Strip as Palestin-

the West Bank Page 13 Parliament besieged The Papua New Guinea Prime Minister was smuggled out of parliament in disguise as protesters and rebel soldiers besieged

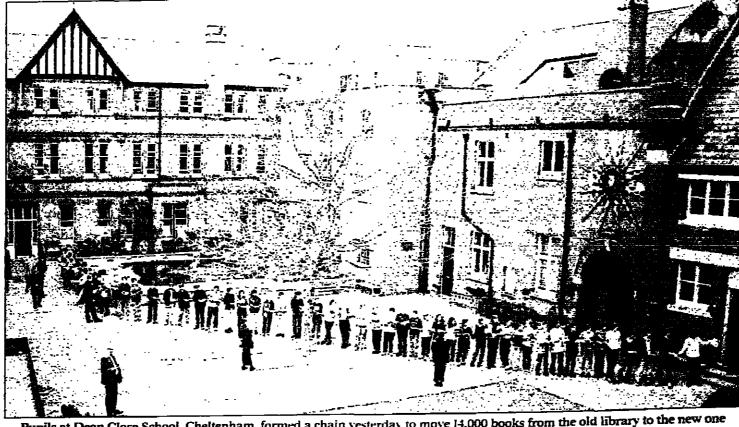
ians clashed with Israeli troops in

the building... Misguided battle

Marion Barry, Mayor of Washington, said that the battle to win "home rule" for the American capital 23 years ago had led to thePage 7 city's near bankruptcy Page 15

Minghella licks the Oscar opposition

■ Cones generously laced with vintage champagne were handed out to wellwishers at an ice-cream factory outside Ryde on the Isle of Wight yesterday as Edward and Gloria Minghella celebrated the Oscar success of their son Anthony. His clutch of nine for The English Patient was Britain's best



Pupils at Dean Close School, Cheltenham, formed a chain yesterday to move 14,000 books from the old library to the new one

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Bid victory: Prudential Corporation has won the battle for Scottish Amicable with a bid worth a total of £2.15 billionPage 27

National Savings: MPs criticised National Savings over a £50 million black hole that appeared in its accounts. They called for an accurate financial report to be submitted to the Treasury......Page 27

Greenpeace: The environmental lobby group has applied for offshore oil exploration licences, the Department of Trade

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 55.9 points to close at 4270.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 97.4 to 98.0 after a rise from \$1.6126 to \$1.6183 and from DM2.7224 to Page 30 DM2.7365...

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Snooker: Terry Griffiths, who had not played competitively for nearly a year, challenged strongly for a place in his nineteenth consecutive world championship...... Page 50

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Hollywood jungle: David Rabe's play Hurlyburiy, about sleazy Califorma movie folk, is so good that when a bomb scare disrupted the Old Vic action, everyone moved to the park outside

Bully for Billy: Duke Ellington's pianisi Billy Strayhorn went largely unsung. A new biography re-

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Russia's objections to Nato expansion have long been completely clear - and completely understandable. Mr Clinton is prepared to apply a variety of soothing balms to Russia's wounded pride to make expansion, if not pleasurable, at ieast tolerable - Moscow Tribune

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Sullied purity: They hang on the shop rails like some perfect fruit. but if you look closely, the process of decay has already begun. Jane Shilling on the white suit .. Page 16

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ALAN COREN

Suddenly, all manner of ravening creatures have risen from the murky depths. They want me to throw them mosey Page 15

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PETER RIDCELL The broad thrist of the British approach to Europe may change less than the parties now pretend. Britain is still utikely to be at its

SIMON BARNES

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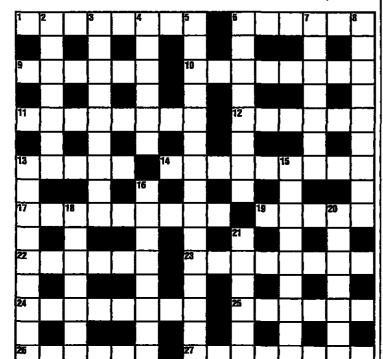
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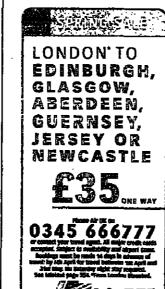
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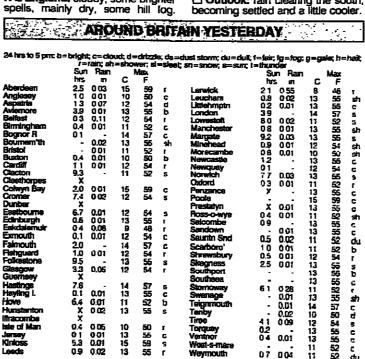
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Geoff Brown on the

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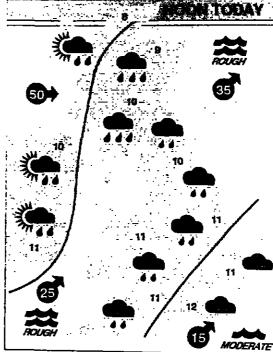
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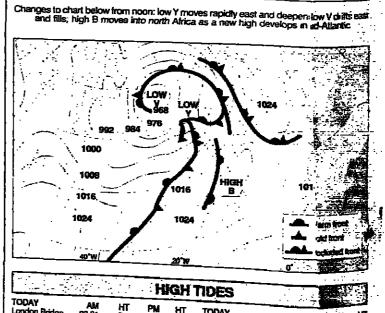
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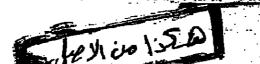


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National Savings criticised over £50m 'black hole'

By Adam Jones

AN all-party group of MPs yester-day blamed "deplorable" laxness at the National Savings arm for a E50 million accounting "black hole" and other discrepancies.

A report published by the Select Committee of Public Accounts said National Savings, which manages £57 billion, had failed to heed warnings of fundamental problems in its "seriously inadequate" financial control systems.

It said: "The agency's failure to

tackle in a timely manner the serious weaknesses identified as long ago as the mid 1980s points to a lack of competence on the part of

those managing the agency."
It added that previous heads of National Savings had "inadequately discharged" their responsibility to

ensure effective financial controls. The report also cast doubt on the National Savings assertion that fraud in the organisation was tiny. Detected fraud amounted to only £14,000, in just four cases. The MPs said: "The absence of such |financiall controls leads to a greatly increased risk that fraud could occur and remain undetected,"

The MPs were investigating the findings of the National Audit Office (NAO), Last October the NAO said there were massive discrepancies in National Savings' 1994 accounts, Mistakes in two 'suspense accounts", used as clearing stations for investors' funds, led to a £50 million liability being inexplicably registered. Other discrepancies involved £12 million that should have been due from Post

Office Counters. The problems stem from a period before the arrival of Bareau, the current chief executive, who joined from the banking industry last year.

He told MPs that overall mistakes have been reduced to a net E3 million in favour of the Treasury. There was never any question of

customers losing money.

A spokeswoman for National Savings said: "We are studying the Public Accounts Committee Report. We are going to be discussing the issue with the Treasury before we give our considered response to Parliament."

The agency has said that it will complete its investigations into the discrepancies by the end of 1997. The report also said: "We are

concerned at the lack of senior finance staff with appropriate ac-countancy qualifications." National Savings is recruiting to remedy the

John Patterson, head of National Savings from 1986-1991, said it has been historically difficult to recruit senior accountancy staff on civil

service pay. He said he employed a qualified accountant as finance

Mr Patterson declined to comment on other parts of the report, which he had not seen. But he said a favourable official report on the agency had been issued in the year of his retirement.

David Butler, who retired as chief executive in 1995, declined to comment on the MPs' criticism of previous management.

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Pru wins ScotAm with offer of £2.15bn

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

PRUDENTIAL Corporation has triumphed in the bidding war for Scottish Amicable, the mutual life insurer, with an offer worth a total of £2.15 billion.

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Scottish Amicable policyholders will share a cash-andbonus package worth more than £1.5 billion.

confirmed yesterday that it would recommend the offer. worth an average £1,400 to each of its 1.1 million withprofits policyholders.

The Pru is paying £850 million from its shareholders' and policyholders' funds for the business and name of ScotAm. Of this, £600 million will be paid in cash to policyholders on completion of the deal, and a further £250 million paid in bonuses over the life of policies.

Under the terms of the offer, ScotAm policyholders will be given a further £500 million from the surplus in their own life fund. In order to smooth returns during lean stock market years. Prudential will lend the fund £1.3 billion for invest-

ment purposes. The disappointed bidders. AMP and Abbey National, are now expected to turn their attention to other life insurers. although Abbey said yester-day that it had "no plans at present" to buy another life

Under the proposals, Scot-tish Amicable's life fund will he closed to new business, demutualised and become a subsidiary of Prudential.

A new company called Scottish Amicable Life plc will operate as a separate company selling its own products through independent financial



Davis: adding products

advisers (IFAs) and appointed

representatives (ARs). Scottish Amicable said the average payment to members would be £1,400, comprising £550 in cash from Prudentia shareholders' and policyholders' funds to compensate for the loss of membership rights; £430 as a special reversionary dential and partly from the Scottish Amicable life fund surplus; and extra payments over the lifetime of the policy from the surplus. The total amount will vary according to

policy size, type and age. Sir Peter Davis, group chief executive of Prudential, said Prudential would gain exposure to the growing IFA mar-ket and add mortgage, personal pension, unit-linked and long-term care products to Prudential's portfolio.

He said the acquisition would initially dilute earnings until new business had been built up, but this would not show on the balance sheet until the interim results in 1998. Prudential share rose

15½p to 555½p. Scottish Amicable had originally planned to end its mutual status and float on the stock exchange in two or three year's time, but Abbey National made a bid, followed by Prudential and AMP.

Prudential will have funds under management totalling more than £100 billion after

the merger. Prudential has guaranteed that 1,500 employees at Scottish Amicable's headquarters will be retained for at least three years. The board of Scottish Amicable, which was criticised for constructing a generous share benefit scheme under the original demutualisation plans, will be eligible for Prudential's long-term incentive scheme if they become

Sir Peter said that the Prudential was considering incorporating Scottish Amicable's investment management division, based in Glasgow, into its international network of fund management centres, although the matter was "still under discussion". It employs

280 staff. The proposals will be subfect to a 75 per cent vote in favour by members at a special general meeting in June, and the deal is likely to be completed in the autumn.

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Oliver Whitehead, chief executive of Alfred McAlpine, reflects yesterday on the company's return to the black with profits of £9.4 million last year

Quarter-point rise for US rates

AMERICAN interest rates were raised by a quarter point yesterday, the first touch on the monetary brakes by the US Federal Reserve for more

rates in light of persisting

Stores line up in

Littlewoods sale

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

ABOUT a dozen retailers, including the

main supermarket groups, are believed

tlewoods' chain of 135 high street stores.

Sales memoranda were sent out last week by BZW. Littlewood's advisers, and

potential buyers are expected to come

hack with firm offers in about six weeks.

market sources say. Littlewoods is expect-

Property companies have been ex-

cluded from the bidding, the sources say, but retailers, including Asda.

Tesco. J Sainsbury and Saleway have

been sent a copy of the detailed

memorandum. Stores groups including

Kingfisher. Marks & Spencer. Store-

house and Next are also believed to be

in the running. However, none is under

So far, only companies willing to bid

alone have been included but some

property companies are believed to be

keen to join consortia.

any obligation to proceed with a bid.

ed to raise more than £500 million.

than two years. The Federal Open Market Committee, which met yes-terday, lifted its key Federal Funds rate by 0.25 per cent to 5.50 per cent but left the discount rate unchanged at 5

per cent. The Fed, which has not changed monetary policy since January 1996, when it cut rates by a quarter point. said it had decided to raise

By Janet Bush, economics editor strength in the economy. The rate rise was a "prudent step" aimed at extending the economic expansion and emphasised the importance of maintaining low inflation for the overall health of the

The decision was widely expected but shares were still somewhat volatile in the immediate aftermath. Just before the news, the Dow Jones industrial average had been quoted about 15 points higher. In the minutes after the decision was announced, it rallied to a gain of about 40 as investors expressed relief that

the Fed had not announced a more aggressive rise in rates. But then the Dow turned lower again to record a loss of

about ten points. European stock and bond markets had rallied in advance of the news, cheered by Wall Street's resilience this week despite widespread expectations that American rates

would go up.
The FT-SE 100 index finished 55.9 points higher at 4,270.7, recovering some of the 209 points lost over the previous six sessions, and reacting to Wall Street's 100-point recovery on Monday. As the London market closed, the Dow Jones industrial average was quoted 28 points higher.

The Fed's move had already been priced into stock market levels after Alan Greenspan the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, all but confirmed to the Joint Economic Committee of Congress the Fed would raise rates, when he he emphasised the strength of the American economy and the emptively to head off inflationary pressures.

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Oftel orders cut in cost of calls to mobile phones

By ERIC REGULY

phones is too expensive and should come down by about 30 per cent. Don Cruickshank, the Director-General of Telecommunications, said yesterday.

He gave British Telecom and Vodafone and Cellnet, the two largest mobile phone companies, a year to cut the charges to levels that more realistically reflect their true costs. Mr Cruickshank said: "My firm view is that prices are too high, so the industry can act or I will." Vodasone, operator of the largest mo-

bile phone network, agreed to reduce its charges but said that it had hoped to do so over the next three or four years. "But if Oftel wants us to do it sooner, that's okay with us," a spokesman said.

Oftel's comments were triggered by complaints from consumers and businesses about the relatively high cost of making calls to mobile telephones from

THE cost of making calls to mobile a fixed BT telephone. The cost now exceeds the price of making fixed-line calls to New York.

BT charges its retail customers 32p per minute to call a Vodafone or Cellinet mobile phone. About three quarters of this amount is paid to the mobile phone companies to deliver calls to their customers; BT keeps ther rest. Mr Cruickshank said: "In my view, the average retail rate to call a mobile network from a BT phone might come down by about another 10p per minute."

BT and the mobile phone companies will now have to negotiate lower interconnection charges with each other, allowing the retail prices to fall. Vodafone and Cellnet, which is 60 per cent owned by BT. have been using the high call charges to help subsidise handset prices. Almost seven million handsets are in use in the United Kingdom.

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Reversing

Rover, the carmaker now owned by BMW, suffered iosses of DM279 million last year, compared with DM335 million in 1995. John Major nevertheless praised the success of the British motor industry during a visit to the West Midlands.

Shattering

A profits warning from Pilkington, the glass group, sent the shares down to their lowest level for more than three years. Forecasts were cut from £175 million to £130 million for the year. Page 33, Tempus 30

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Back in black

ALFRED McAlpine, the con-

struction group, returned to profit in 1996, earning £9.4

million before tax compared with losses of £23.5 million in

1995. Turnover fell to £593.6

million from £757.26 million.

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held at 7p, with a 4p final.

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Greenpeace oils the wheels of conservation Brent Spar, has invested £3,000 in a fuel use. In a letter to Mr Lang, the

By CARL MORTISHED

GREENPEACE has decided to take on the oil companies by making an application for the entire 22,000 sq miles in the Government's 17th oil

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licensing round. The environmental group, which infuriated the oil industry with its campaign against the dumping of the

formal application to lan Lung. President of the Board of Trade.for all 25 blocks. The licences are normally awarded to oil companies for exploration purposes but, instead of drilling wells. Greenpeace proposes to count whales and dolphins. Greenpeace said the move was part of its campaign to limit fossil

organisation states that it wishes to be considered "operator and guardian of the licence area", located mainly in the Atlantic Frontier, west of the Shetlands. The letter requests the Government to honour its commitment to the UN climate convention by granting Greenpeace a "production licence for non-interven-

tion". A Greenpeace delegation met Department of Energy officials yesterday to present detailed proposals.

A spokesman for the group said the officials seemed bemused but invited them for further consultations. The covernment's criteria for awarding ficences is "the need for expeditious, thorough efficient and safe exploration to identify oil and gas resources

... with due regard to environmental considerations". Greenpeace's application hinges on the last point. The oil industry was not amused; a

spokesman for the Offshore Operators Association said: "Whatever Greenpeace might believe, life today and the expectations of consumers depend on the adequate availability of fossil fuels."

Takeover bid likely

at Country Casuals

MARK BUNCE, chief executive of Country Casuals, may

launch a takeover bid for the troubled clothing retailer, the

company revealed yesterday. It is the second time in little

more than a year that Country Casuals has been the target of

a takeover bid from one of its founding directors. The com-

pany beat off an offer of £26.8 million from John Shannon, a

former chief executive of the company, at the end of 1995, Mr.

Bunce and his wife Christina, who is commercial director,

are the largest single shareholders in the company with a 10

per cent stake. They are believed to be talking to financial

backers with a bid expected in excess of the 140p offered by

Mr Shannon, Mr Bunce also holds a 5.9 per cent stake, cur-

rently valued at £12 million, in Oasis, which the management

Deutsche chief set to retire

Deutsche Bank confirmed Sir John Craven is to retire as chairman of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, its investment banking arm, at the end of June.

The German bank, which is expected to report 1996 net profits of DM2.2 billion today. up from DM2.1 billion in 1995, will also confirm that the cost of bailing out Morgan Grenfell and compensating up to 90,000 unit trust investors after the Peter Young affair is about £380 million. Compensation payments are due to be made shortly. Morgan Grenfell is braced for a fine by Imro, the City watchdog, that could top

Sir John is to join the international advisory board of Deutsche Bank. Today, he becomes non-executive chairman of Lonhro, the international trading conglomerate.

FBD ahead

FBD Holdings, the farm insurer in the Republic of Ireland, increased pre-tax profits 5 per cent to Ir£14 million last year. Earnings increased 5.6 per cent to Ir28p a share. The final dividend is 4.35p, lifting the total 14 per cent to 7.7p.

Bardon slips

Bardon, the quarrying and aggregates group, suffered a 4 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £23.4 million (£24.3 million) last year. Earnings dropped to 2.4p (2.5p) a share. A final dividend of 1.2p, due on July 11. holds the total at 2p.

> TOURIST RATES



Japanese prosecutors raid Nomura offices



FROM ROBERT WHIMANT IN TOKYO

JAPANESE prosecutors raided No nura Securities vesterday on suspicion that Japan's niggest stockbroker funnelled profits from illegal stock deals to extortionists

The raid was carried out by a combined team from the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office and the Securities Exchange Surveillance Commission (SEC). Up to ISO officials were involved in raids on Nomura's lokyo head office and ten other huddings.

Prosecutors have questioned two Nomura managing directors for alleg-edly giving preferential treatment to a sakaiya, a type of racketeer who specialises in extorting cash from firms by threatening to reveal their dubious practices. Investigators are focusing on

transactions in March 1995, when the two executives allegedly passed on 35 million yen (£190,000) in profits from stock deals to a property firm owned by the brother of a prominent sokaiva.

The Securities and Exchange Law hanned stockbrokers from conducting discretionary stock transactions after a 1991 scandal.

Investigators also searched the homes of Hideo Sakamaki, the company's former president, and Masashi Suzuki, his successor, Mr Sakamaki

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there's been a huge amount of it coming in from abroad. We

Mr Major said Rover could

be badly hit if Britain takes the wrong decision on monetary union. If Britain does not join

because the euro turns out to

be a weak currency, then the

sterling exchange rate could

be forced up. He said: "Would

that matter? Well go down the

road to Rover and ask them if

they would sell their cars if

they had an artificially high

rate of sterling."

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People round the world can

team at Country Casuals helped to rescue from receivership. Shares in Country Casuals rose 7'2p to 102'2p. The shares : have slumped in the past-six months after two profit warnings. Country Casuals said it would continue with its plans to sell the loss-making Elvi out-size fashion chain and the Lerose clothes-making business, which were put on the

part in the evaluation of offers for the two businesses.

Scholl works on US link

market earlier this year. Mr Bunce and his wife will not take

SCHOLL, the footware and footcare company, said vesterday that it is forging closer links with Scholl's North American operations, which are owned by Schering-Plough, the US pharmaceuticals group. The company hopes for a formal alliance. Scholl reported a pre-tax profit before exceptional items of £20.0 million, on turnover of £212 milion, up 2.3 per cent. in the year to December 31. After a £35.7 million charge, the pre-tax loss was £15.1 million (£17 million profit). A 4.7p final dividend makes a 7.7p total, up 10 per cent.

Rea payout is held

REA BROTHERS, the banking and financial services group, is holding its final dividend at 0.5p, due on May 9, to give an unchanged annual payout of lp in spite of a 35 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £1.8 million. Sir Hugh Cubitt, chairman. said that funds under management rose to 1948 million, from 5706 million, in 1995 and that Finsbury Asset Management was now fully integrated with the group's investment management arm. Earnings per share rose to 2.50p. from 2.05p. although dealing profits fell to £413.000, from £607,000.

Pension warning

JOHN HAYES, chairman of the new statutory Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority (Opra), yesterday published guidance for pension scheme actuaries and auditors on their "whistleblowing" duties when the 1995 Pensions Act takes effect on April 6. The new pensions watchdog gave warning a that "apparently minor issues may be symptomatic of deeperate problems and he added that "dishonesty and deliberate" disregard of the legislation remain a top priority for investigation and punishment by Opra".-

IRG expects upturn

INDEPENDENT RADIO GROUP, the owner of six commercial radio stations, including Scot FM in Central Scotland and 1458 Lite AM in Manchester, said it expects to break even this year and make a profit in 1998. The company, which floated on the Alternative Investment Market in 1995, reported a pre-taxloss of £3 million in the 16 months to December 31, on turnover of 52.3 million. The loss before exceptional items was \$1.4" million. Independent, which has £4.4 million in cash, intends to bid for several new radio licences this year.

Major praise for British motor industry as Rover cuts losses

By OLIVER AUGUST

Rolls-Royce to huild jet en-

gines for small aircraft, BMW

ROVER, the German-owned auto manufacturer, incurred losses of DM279 million last year, compared to DM335 million in 1995, BMW. its parent company, reported yes-terday. But John Major, nevertheless, praised the success of the British motor industry during a visit to the West

BZW, the investment banking

arm of Barclays, made a loss of

£11.5 million in July 1996 after a

hedged trading position in the

volatile foreign exchange mar-

kets went wrong. BZW is

BMW, which bought Rover

in 1994, is pumping billions of marks into the company in the hope of seeing it turn a profit by 2000. In 1996 BMW invested DM1.2 billion in Rover and plans another DM1.5 billion of investment this year.

Rover's sales rose to DM15.2 billion from DM13 billion.

understood to have used the

Two members of BZW's

derivatives department, Paul

Ellis and Paul Doust, left by

mutual consent shortly after

the incident. City observers

were quick to draw compari-

sons with NatWest's £90 mil-

bank's own funds.

Rolls-Royce, the joint venture. reduced pre-tax losses before exceptionals by DM25 million to DM627 million, while sales rose to DM217 million from DM112 million.

Bernd Pischetsrieder, BMW chairman, said the joint ven-The German motor com- ture will continue its developpany also co-operates with ment work on the BR700

lion "black hole", which came

Peter Baillie, BZW spokes-

man, said: "Senior manage-ment in BZW's market

division and its independent

risk management function

took action to hedge a trading

position which had been ad-

to light last month.

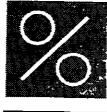
engines while increasing production facilities Despite its foreign owner-

ship. Mr Major used the example of Rover to show that in the last 20 years there had been an "absolute revolution" in the British motor industry. The Prime Minister said:

"In the 1970s the British motor car industry was a basket case ... people thought the motor

BZW lost £11.5m on hedged position versely affected by an unanticipated and rapid movement in the currency markets. Management had been fully aware the position and acted within minutes ... to reduce

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(investment company with a variable capital) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **OF SHAREHOLDERS**

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5. To determine the remuneration of Supervisory Directors

6. To compose the Supervisory Board 7. Any other business

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to be held on Friday, 25th April, 1997, at Concert and Congress building "de Doelen", entrance Kruisplein 30, Rotterdam, at 9.30

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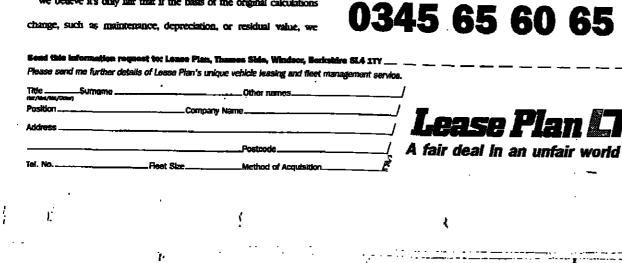
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☐ Complex numbers behind Scottish Amicable deal ☐ National Savings that don't add up ☐ BZW drops a clanger

Secretive to the end

HERE they come — dragged stumbling into the spotlight, blinking behind their horn-rimmed glasses — that largely unknown bunch of Scottish accountants, and secretive to the last. When Scottish Amicable first revealed plans to go public, the trouble was that no one, not even hardened insurance analysts, could understand them.

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To ordinary members, the with-profit policyholders, not up with embedded values, reversionary bonuses and all the rest, the document outlining those proposals was gibberish, so it was as well that document became history even as it was printing, as a bidding war broke out for the business. The Prudenrial has now emerged from a three-sided scrap with the prize. Just why, we do not yet know, and this is important.

The curious thing about reputations in insurance is that they lag behind events. The Pru's is still badly tarred by the mis-selling scandal, even if a repetition of such abysmal be-haviour seems unthinkable. The appeal of ScotAm, with a respectable name that does not yet reflect years of relative underperformance against the competition, is obvious.

As we all become more sophisticated, we take advice about financial products and pay for it rather than go automatically to the heavy advertisers. Hence the growth of independent financial advisers who take a cut for pointing us towards the right policy. Such IFAs are about as likely to pass a Pru policy across the table as they are a not-toorecently deceased cat, but

ScotAm still, rightly or wrongly.

has a bit of cachet.

As ever in a takeover deal, the buyer must emphasise how little is being paid and the seller how much. The awful complexity of this one makes this tightrope walk easier. The Pru is handing over £850 million clean, £600 million in cash and the rest as a special bonus added to the value of existing policies. There is a £1.3 billion loan to the ScotArn's life fund, at the normal commercial rate. This more than balances the exit of the fund's £500 million surplus, which comes out as payments to policyholders at the end of their policies.

The board at ScotAm are doing rather well, it seems. Under the Pru's original plans, and perhaps with AMP as well, they would have walked the plank. As it is they are even

for Pru executives sufficiently generous to attract criticism last year, wrongly perhaps, from the institutions.

Such a cosy outcome should have ScotAm voters looking very seriously before the June vote at the terms from AMP and the Abbey National turned down in favour of the Pru. These, we are told, are not quite ready for publication yet. Hmm. There was an air

yesterday of a deal already done, one of those takeover bids already with the blessing of 50 per cent-plus of shareholders' votes. Not so. ScotAm policyholders, you have a vote - use it.

Cornering rats at the PAC

☐ COMMITTEE rooms at the House of Commons are designed to maximise the discomfort of those lost souls appearing before MPs. The "witnesses", a term synonymous with defendant. huddle together like terrified rodents behind an undersized desk, while the MPs surround

PENNINGTON



It may be unhealthy, encouraging displays of chest-beat-ing from politicians. But sometimes the situation justifies it, such as when the top brass at National Savings, the Government's savings arm, appeared before the Select Committee of

Public Accounts.

Tens of millions of pounds were "misplaced" in various National Savings internal accounts, auditors found last year. A £50 million deficit topped the list of "black holes" — the phrase of the month, it seems.

Given the political sensitivity of National Savings — custodian of the nest eggs of millions of pensioners and other vulnerable groups, and all guaranteed by the Treasury — the MPs should have been in attack-dog mode. Yet they were strangely civil on the day, placated by an authoritative performance from Peter Bareau, the chief executive who arrived from the banking sector last year and is convincing in his efforts to clear up the mess left by his predecessors.

The MPs have since recovered some of their bite. The written report on the matter "deplores" the slackness in financial controls. With memorable understatement, they declare themselves concerned at the lack of senior finance staff with appropriate accountancy qualifications". In other words, ney couldn't add up.

Why would they need to? After all, by the end of 1995-96, National Savings was managing only a trifling £57 billion. It all points to a "lack of competence" on the part of those running the agency in the past, the committee concludes. Culture of incompetence, more like.

A shame that previous chief executives such as David Butler and John Patterson were not forced to huddle before MPs

Butler, by the way, is now at the Princess Royal Trust for Carers. Nice to know the Establishment

When the big brains blunder

looks after its own.

☐ HERE we go hunting black holes in the spring (again). There has been a story floating around the City for a week or more now that Someone, Somewhere has Blundered. One of the securities houses has taken a huge position and watched, horrified, the market going the wrong way, or so says the scuttlebutt in the low dives that traders frequent.

Let us therefore hope that the rumours referred to Barciays de Zoete Wedd, because nobody really enjoys these black hole stories, do they? BZW lost £11.5 million last summer after having to hedge against some unwise currency positions taken by a couple of big brains, now departed. The good news is there was no mispricing, unlike at the NatWest and its £90 million loss earlier this month. Even better,

someone up the chain could by some miracle follow what the big brains had been up to. Hey, you win some, you lose some.

Up to a point. It is true that there is a spectrum of loss between dropping £90 million on barely understood derivatives and £90 at the 3.30 at Kempton Park, and somewhere on that spectrum a normal trading loss turns into a black hole. In the current climate we are all too inclined to describe the former as the latter. But £11.5 million is an awful lot to lose in the course of normal share dealing.

It is, however, the nature of such options and derivatives that subsequent losses can be so huge as to be easily audible above the normal chatter and hum of a typical trading business.

Kindest cut of all

A BREAKTHROUGH for the next Chancellor from the Royal Economic Society's annual conference, which paved the way for a massive but painless spending cut. Hard to believe as they walk through the door, but a third of all graduates are over-educated, it seems: even after six years in work, their jobs need mere O or A levels. So slice off the tail of less able students and you save a third of the higher education personal frustration. Or not.

Chelsfield aims for hotel float

Chelsfield, the property group, plans to float off its hotel and leisure interests.

The group yesterday raised £62 million in a placing of 20 million shares at 317p to buy the London and New York Westbury hotels from Granada. It is buying the London hotel freehold from AMP for E30 million. It is expected to package the hotels with its Went-

worth leisure business. Cheisfield's net asset value rose 22 per cent last year, to 225.6p. Profits grew from £10.6 million to £14.4 million. The year's dividend rises 9 per cent, to 3p.

Hunting aim

group, has ruled out merger amid restructuring in European aerospace. Pretax 1996 profits fell to £6.8 after write-offs in the aviation unit. Profits before exceptionals were £44.4 million (£38.1 million). The annual dividend stays 6p.

Clansman off

Macfarlane Group (Clansman), the packaging com-pany, had a 3.8 per cent fall in pre-tax profits, to £20.4 million, in 1996, after a slowdown in orders from whisky companies. Earnings per share fell 5.4 per cent, to 11.4p, but the dividend rises from 3.9p to 4.095p, with a final 2.625p.

Burn better

Burn Stewart Distillers sees signs that whisky's pricing environment is improving. Profits reached £1.8 million in the half year to December 31, up from a £900,000 loss. The interim dividend remains 1.7p.

Hodder up

Hodder Headline, the publisher, lifted pre-tax profits 16 per cent. to £6.6 million, in 1996. Earnings per share were 13.3p (13.1p). A final dividend of 4.5p (same) makes 6.5p (same).

Kier ahead

Kier, the construction company, saw pre-tax profit rise to £3 million, from £2.75 million, in the half year to December 31. Kier pays no interim dividend.

Insurer hit

Losses by its Irish National Insurance Company, now sold, halved 1996 pre-tax Holdings to IrE5 million. A Irl3,89p final dividend

Tunnel fire may add £60m to P&O revenues By Fraser Nelson

THE fire in the Channel Tunnel last November has left a profitable legacy for P&O. the shipping to property con-glomerate, which could gain up to £60 million in extra revenue this year because of the disaster, according to

Channel freight business has been crippled since the opening of the Channel Tunnel, is expected to claw back some £40 million in cargo alone until the tunnel is given the all-clear by safety inspectors.

No lorry has been able to use the tunnel since the fire four months ago, and

not due to reopen until May. As P&O returned its 1996 results yesterday, analysts said that it was on course to take the (ion's share of the £100 million revenue understood to be generated by Eurotunnel's freight business each year. As ferries can carry the capacity with minimal extra expenses, a substantial amount of the extra revenue will translate

straight into profit. However, analysts said that the boost was only a shortterm honeymoon which will last until Eurotunnel's freight trains start again. One said: chance of staying in profit: Eurotunnel doesn't."

Competition from the Chan-

Eurotunnel's freight service is

nel Tunnel in the first 11 months of 1996 forced operating profits at P&O's ferry division down to £41 million (£74 million). Operating profits at its containers division fell to £30.3 million (£40.1 million). However, the company surprised the City by returning an increase in group profits for 1996, against the slump that was widely expected. Overall, pre-tax profits grew to £333 million (£320 million) and earnings to 40.1p (37.8p) a share. The dividend is

due on June 10. Its cruising division delivered the strongest growth. The conglomerate was also lifted by a £12.4 million profit from its disposals, and a 54 per cent rise in profits from property development to £38.8 million. Lord Sterling, chairman,

frozen at 30.5p with a final 17p.

said the company had tackled its two problem areas head on: the container division, by putting it into a joint venture with Nedlloyd, and the ferries division, with a proposed merger with rival Stena.

Even if the merger is blocked by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, he said. P&O would remain the dominant player in the channel ferry market.

He said: "We are the most powerful group with the best ships. There may be some blood on the carpet but in the end there would be one dominant ferry group." He added that it would be "extremely surprising if the proposed merger were rejected. A decision is not expeted until after the election. P&O shares rose ⁴p to 634¹2 p yesterday.

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Mis-selling pledge from life insurer

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

LONDON & Manchester, the life insurer and pensions company, has promised to resolve the 6,000 cases of personal pensions mis-selling within the next year.

Tom Pyne, group chief executive, made the pledge as the company reported its annual results, but he admitted that only 75 people had so far been compensated, even though £32 million had been set aside for the purpose.

Trustees of company

schemes were "overwhelmed" by the requirements of the Pensions Act and had not provided information on former members. he said.

Earnings per share rose 1.25p to 37.85p. A 13.69p final will be paid on June 12, making 20.29p (18.7p).

SkyePharma sees \$5bn drug sales

By Paul Durman

SKYEPHARMA, the drug company assembled by lan Gowrie-Smith, Medeva's founder, claimed that its "black box" of drugs in development was expected to have sales of more than \$5 billion.

Mr Gowrie-Smith said the level of sales expected by client companies had doubled since last year's purchase of Jago, the Swiss company that is an expert in controlling the release of active compounds in drugs.

Mr Gowrie-Smith said the \$5 billion estimate was not a "blue sky" forecast, but was conservatively based, taking account of the probability of success of the il projects in Jago's black box. Most of these involve improving existing drugs, and consequently carry less risk than developing totally new products. However, the first of these sales will not be

made before next year, and

will not accelerate until 1999 SkyePharma yesterday re-vealed the second of the black box projects. Jago is working with Intercardia of the US to develop a once-daily formulation of a beta-blocker intended to be used to treat congestive heart failure. SkyePharma said the drug could have annual sales of \$400 million.

The other Jago project announced is an asthma drug being developed by Abbott Laboratories of the US.

SkyePharma also reported losses of £11.7 million for the 17 months to December 31. Comparisons with 1995, when the company lost £9.8 million, are obscured by the series of deals that have transformed the group from its origins as Black & Edgington, the marquee tent company. Skye-Pharma ended 1996 with net cash of £19.3 million.

Bell paid £544,000 at Chime

By Jason Nissé

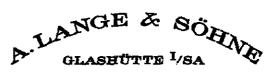
SLR Tim Bell, who advises the Conservative Party on its election strategy, was paid £544,000 last year as chairman of Chime Communications, the quoted PR group. His remuneration package is in addition to £90,000 of dividends paid on his 10.1 per cent stake in the group.

Chime's operating profits rose a fifth to £3.04 million in the year ended December 31. Pre-tax prof its climbed to £3.72 million (£2.5 million). Earnings per share rose from 2.8p to 3.4p and a 1.15p dividend, payable on June 26, makes

p, up 20 per cent. Chime is looking to make a substantial acquisition of "another well known communications brand".

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The company, whose cross-**Taylor Woodrow**



Colin Parsons, chairman, says confidence remains high

TAYLOR WOODROW, the housebuilding and construction group, has named John Castle, the former managing director of Marley, as the man to replace Tony Palmer as chief executive.

According to contemporary reports, Mr Castle left Marley in early 1993 after being passed over in favour of David Trapnell for the post of chief executive of the building materials group. Yesterday, how-ever, Colin Parsons. Taylor Woodrow's executive chairman, said he had been told that Mr Castle left Marley because he did not want the job.

Mr Castle will take over from Mr Palmer, who is retiring in June after 43 years with the group.

Taylor Woodrow was reporting a 45 per cent rise in annual pre-tax profits to £66.8 million, on sales little changed ment was led by the housing arm, which increased profits 40 per cent to £32.8 million. Sales were strong in the UK. US and Canada, and house

had seen no sign of the election damaging confidence among interest rates. Buvers are also to buy houses. It's a very

sales ruse 24 per cent to 3.957. Mr Parsons said the group

purchasers. He added: "We are much more apprehensive about the effect of a rise in concerned about seeing prices going up while they are trying uncomfortable feeling." The group's construction arm remained the largest busi-

ness, even though turnover fell 10 per cent to £562 million.

lost money in the UK market. due on July 1. This will lift the

However, Taylor Woodrow made a profit of only £100,000 from construction and again A final dividend of 2.75p is

Hamleys hopes for film boost

available here until Christmas.

Trade this year should be aided by the

at £1.19 billion. The improvetotal to 3,75p, up 25 per cent. makes Iri8.56 (Iri6.86p).

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

HAMLEYS, the toy retailer, is putting its faith in Star Wars to revive the toy market this year. Howard Dyer, chairman, said that Hamleys, in just two days last week, sold out of the Star Wars version of the Monopoly board game, faunched to coincide with the re-release and took orders for when more arrive.

of the 20-year-old film. It sold 332 in all Mr Dyer believes that this bodes well for other Star Wars goods starting to appear in its Regent Street store and in its smaller outlets and airport shops. Monopoly's manufacturer. Wadding-

ton Games, part of America's Hasbro. said that the new version of the game has now sold out all over the country. The had news for those who have put in orders for the game - which has Dagobah Swamp in place of the Old Kent Road and the Imperial Palace in place of Mayfair - is that no more will be

Mr Dyer confirmed that the toy market in the second half of last year, including the usually frantic Christmas period, was strangely flat. He said: "Two companies outperformed the market. We did marginally and Woolworths did very well." The fact that many retailers quickly sold

out of the Christmas favourite, Buzz Lightyear, and could not restock did not help sales figures, he said.

The end result for Hamleys in the year to February 1 was a 5 per cent rise in likefor-like sales and a rise in pre-tax profit to £6.9 million. from £6.38 million. Earnings per share rose from 19.3p to 19.9p. A final dividend of 6p (5.4p), due on June 5. makes a full-year payout of 9p (8.1p).

opening of up to 50 House of Toys concessions in Debenhams. The concessions in House of Fraser stores are being closed. Hamleys is to seek more sites in Europe and the Far East in the second half.

heady £9.6 billion in the

period from July to Septem-

ber compared with £0.5 bil-

lion in shares, despite a rise

If the institutions were not

buyers, what propelled the

market? The likely answer is

foreigners. About this time.

in the index of 7 per cent.

Share prices bounce back to end six-day run of falls

SHARE prices shrugged off the prospect of an imminent rise in US interest rates and bounced back, ending a run of six consecutive days of falls.

Cheered by the overnight strength of Wall Street that saw the Dow Jones industrial average climb 100 points, the FTSE-100 index raced ahead to close just below its best of the day with a leap of 55.9 points to 4,270.7.

Brokers now seemed resigned to the idea that US interest rates will rise a quarter point and say that most of this has already been factored into the price.

Short covering was also evident after the recent falls, which have also been generated by political uncertainty in tion on May I. By the close of business, a total of 971 million shares had changed hands.

interest-rate sensitive stocks such as the banks were back in fashion after a shaky few weeks. Barclays Bank closed 270 dearer at £10.1612 after recommendations from HSBC James Capel and Dresdner Kleinwort Benson. Capel also likes Lloyds TSB. up 28½p at 482½p. Abbey National, 2lp higher at 735½p, and Bank of Scotland,

612 p dearer at 320p. Another burst of speculative buying carried Commercial Union sharply higher. The price closed below its best, but managed a rise of 312p at 6712p as turnover reached 3.74 million. CU was linked before Christmas to BAT Industries, up 19p at 528p, but the talks are believed to have broken down.

Dalgety, up 112p at 3372p. is now seen as a potential takeover target for Associated British Foods, 26p firmer at 559p. AB Foods has just sold its Irish retail interests to Tesco for £600 million plus.

There was the distinct waft of burnt fingers among the speculators after Pilkington issued a profits warning, blaming dull markets in Europe and the falling price of float glass. Brokers had been looking for pre-tax profits of £178 million, but now that figure is expected to be as low as £130 million. Further restructuring is now planned, which will stretch costs by a further £20 million a year over the next few years. The shares closed 7½ p lower at 121p.

recorded in British Steel as the price eased 3p to 1583 p. It



Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays, left, and Andrew Buxton, chairman, saw the share price rise

follows the decision of Krupps to drop its bid for Thyssen and Pilkington's concern over weak European markets. By the close 54.8 million shares had traded. Redland with significant interests in Europe also fell 5½ p to 351½ p. United News & Media rose

13p to 75412p as NatWest Securities, the broker, upgraded its recommendation from full demerger of its Bovis Homes business. News of another bid approach lifted Country Casuals, the troubled womens' clothing retailer, 7½p to 1022p. Mark Bunce, chief executive, is in talks with the rest of the board with the view to making a formal offer. This is the second time in 18 months that the group has been on the

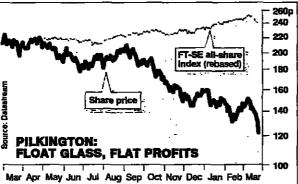
Centrica, recently demerged from British Gas, has begun to attract support at last. The price rose 312p to 624p yesterday with a little help from SBC Warburg. Word has it that the broker has set a 90p target price for the shares. By the close of business, a total of 16.5 million shares had been traded.

group's broadcasting interests, which include Meridien and Anglia Television are undervalued.

Brokers gave the thumbs-up to better than expected fullyear figures from P&O with the price adding 9p to 6342 p. The group is going ahead with plans to restructure the business, which will include a

"hold" to "add". It says the receiving end of a bid from its own management. At the same time, Country Casuals says it is in talks with potential buyers for its Elvi and Lerose

Confirmation of a bid approach was also good news for World of Leather, up 812 p at 912p. But the group said any offer was unlikely to be at at anything more than a modest



Biocompatibles touched Ell before ending 7½p dearer at £10.90 before figures today.

Shire Pharmaceuticals was also 1412 p better at 233p after it received US approval to mar-ket Carbatrol, its epilepsy Shield Diagnostics contin-

ued to advance, adding 35p at 725p after a positive presentation in the City. The shares were hit last week after faults were discovered in US bloodclotting trials the group had joined only last year. Others to improve in the sector included British Biotech, 10p to 251 p. Chiroscience, 1212 p to 370p. and Scotia Holdings. 40p to

419p. On the AIM, Polymasc Pharmaceuticals rose 19p to 1372p after linking with Oxford Molecular, Sp dearer at 408p, to develop a blood growth factor to be used in the treatment of cancer, anaemia

First-time dealings in Cambridge Antibody exceeded most expectations. The shares placed by Cazenove at 500p opened at 602p and touched a peak of 620p before closing at 615p, a premium of 115p. A profits setback left

Graystone nursing a fall of 14p at 100 p. Turnover was also down, but borrowings GILT-EDGED: Prices re-

covered from a weak start to close better on the day supported by firmer overseas bond markets. Institutional investors were keeping a wary eye on the Federal Reserve Öpen Market Committee meeting that is expected to signal the first rise in US interest rates for 14 months.

This morning the Bank of England will be auctioning £2.5 billion of Treasury 74 per cent 2007. In the futures pit. the June series of the Long Gilt put on seven ticks to close at £1091732 in moderate trade that saw 50,000 contracts completed. In longs. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose E⁵16 to El02¹⁵16,

while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a couple of ticks firmer at £102½. Index-linked □ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street moved higher in morning trading as the market awaited the widely anticipated interest rate increase the Dow Jones

industrial average was up 22.28 points at 6.927.53.

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erg 12832-53 (+83.39) erdam: (dea	PILKINGTON is the British Steel of the building materials sector — a good company struggling in an appalling market. The share price sagged again yesterday: last year's price	capital. Shrinking the assets further will make the returns look more impressive, but this is window dressing, however painful. Pilkington's fortunes will not improve until
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Germany - is the only answer. Like steel, this is an industry with too much capacity and, worse still, it is possible to obtain European grants to build a double glazing plant. Without shrinking, Pilkington's meagre 5 per cent margins might disappear, so the company will cut both production and manning at

a cost of £20 million per year. On current estimates, Pilkington's return on investment is only just meeting its cost of

this is window dressing, however painful. Pilkington's fortunes will not improve until the European glass industry becomes efficient. The company is in thrall to the car manufacturers and cannot abandon unprofitable business for fear of losing a customer. Investors stand to gain little from

Pilkington in the short term. Every percentage drop in the share price brings forth the usual stories of bids, but logic suggests nothing is in the offing. In Europe, competition rules will prevent a rival from bidding. and who else would risk their money in this market? The fashion for focus should keep today's conglomerates at bay. Investors will have to hope that Pilkington gives away some of its cash. If it does not, they should sell.

ing the strength of the UK

economy, piled their money into sterling investments.

Unfortunately, our domestic

quick on the uptake or, per-

haps, more cynical about the

economy. Nevertheless, they

started to buy shares in the

fourth quarter, just in time to

Institutional

investment A CHARITABLE view of

City fund managers is that they were on holiday when the stock market surged in August last year. Whatever the excuse, it would be true to say that fund managers were either selling or napping when the FT-SE 100 index began to climb after a half year moving sideways. Since the beginning of 1996, the funds had been building up cash positions; net investin short-term assets was £3 billion in the first quarter of last year and rose to £4.5 billion in the three months to June.

The trouble is that they continued to pile money into short-term deposits when the FT-SE 100 was picking up a head of steam. Net investment in cash reached a

sterling began to climb sharply against the mark catch the fall-out from the base rate rise in October. and European funds, sens-INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENT: LAGGING THE MARKET 6.0 FISE 100 index 6,0 -

P&O

P&O is now beating City expectations, rather than disappointing, as was the practice in the recent past. Profits came out ahead, rather than flat, for the year but the company still has a steep hill to climb, evidenced by the collapse in profits from con-

tainers in the second half. A joint venture with Nedlloyd should make big improvements in container margins. Combining the two container operations should reduce costs by \$200 million. producing a benefit to P&O of some £60 million by 1998. There are two caveats: timing and container rates.

P&O said the cost reductions are well advanced but rates are not under the partners' control. Ironically, t was Nedlloyd that caused the collapse in second-half profits; P&O's new partner cut its prices in search for volume just ahead of the share of the combined business will not be enough to affect rates.

Elsewhere, P&O still needs to prune: Bovis Homes will hit the market in the Autumn, but P&O is still weighed down by commercial property. A total return, including income, of less than 10 per cent from bricks and mortar is unimpressive and looks all the more paltry compared with the 16 per cent return from the cruise ships. If there are buyers for P&O's properties, the com-

biotech investors is to buy

pany should sell. Scotia A GOOD rule of thumb for

after a setback. Those who followed the advice made a killing from British Biotech, Celltech, Cortecs International and, most spectacularly, Cantab Pharmaceuticals. Now is the time to cast an eye over Scotia Holdings, another big player in the sector.

UK regulators refused to approve Tarabetic, a treatment for the nerve damage that often accompanies diabetes.

Scotia can wheel out a battery of diabetes experts to back its claims for Tarabetic. And yesterday it gave a highly impressive presentation on Foscan, the light-activated cancer drug that is its most important project.

has always centred on its focus on the fatty-based mole-cules called lipids and on its unconventional management style. Therefore, it is reassuring to hear that a reorganisation will concentrate resources on four areas and cease work on arthritis, women's healthcare and the cardiovascular field. Scotia accepts that it still needs to

raise a lot more money.

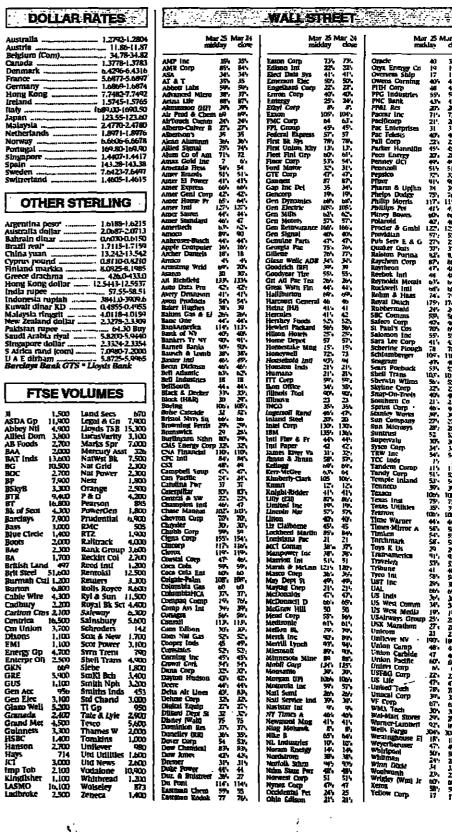
Buying in managers from big drug companies gives some further reassurance. but at 419p Scotia remains one for the speculators.

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Treasury loses a treasure

KENNETH CLARKE bade his farewells this week. After 19 years working for the Treasury, the housekeeper to the Chancellor is retiring.
Marie Collier, nick-

named "the lady under the stairs", has served Lord Lawson, John Major, and Norman Lamont during their stays at Downing

The diminutive cockney sparrow will be greatly missed, not more so than by the Chancellor himself, who handed her a House of Commons head scarf at a drinks party to launch this year's Women Into Business Awards.

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"Marie is the staff at Number II," the Chancellor said. "Last year, she joined the club, and was awarded an MBE."

Patient party

MUCH excitement at the Securities and Investments Board, where Anthony Minghella's sister works as head of the enforcement, law and policy support department. Loretta Minghella, sibling to the Oscar-winning director of The English Patient, celebrated with SIB colleagues at a cinema on Monday night, before they made their way on to a party. For the record. Loretta's mother makes a cameo appearance in the movie which scooped a



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Grant's goodbye SIR Alistair Grant waves goodbye to Safeway. His

departure as chairman comes not long after he celebrated his 60th birthday at Claridge's. Sir James Blyth, Sir Peter Davies, Baron Briggs, Lord Gowrie and David Webster, Safeway's incoming chairman, were among the 130 guests who sat down to a special dinner. Proof that age is no barrier

— Sir Alistair flies to Edinburgh tonight for a meeting in his latest capacity as non-executive chairman of Scottish & Newcastle.

Archer target

OVER breakfast at the Hyatt Cariton Tower last week, Stephen Wenman was made an offer he couldn't refuse. Dick Cole, chairman of Chartwell Re, which owns the Archer Group, stretched across the table and asked the founder and former chairman of Special Risk Services if he had considered the role of chief executive. Before the toast was cold, Wenman was asked to take up his new post immediately. He started work at Archer the next day.

Party line RUMOURS have been

whizzing round that Sir Emie Harrison, the chairman of Vodafone, has been handing out free mobile phones to the Tory party. This is true - well sort of. In the run-up to the election, Sir Ernie has lent a phone to Richard Benyon, the Conservative candidate in his constituency of Newbury. I am told that Benyon is paying for all his calls, but given the trouncing the Tories had last time they faced the voters of Berkshire, the man needs all

the help he can get. MORAG PRESTON

Return on the cards for ideas of Keynes, the prodigal son

Economists are taking a new look at the

Conservative

legacy, says Janet Bush

t is becoming common place for economists to argue that the radical Conservative programme of supply side reform over the past 18 years has finally years has finally worked its magic and that the British economy can now grow faster, with lower unemployment and less inflation, than in

the past.

Some take the argument even further and suggest that the transformation wrought by the Tory assault on trade union militancy, reform of welfare and taxes, deregulation and privatisation, have made the world safe for the return of that long-shunned prodigal -- Keynesian demand management.

This is a breathtaking claim given the opprobrium heaped on the ideas of John Maynard Keynes since their unquestioned dominance was broken towards the end of the 1970s and it needs some qualification.

Rew are talking about the large-scale pump priming of demand through government decisions on fiscal policy that formed a key part of Keynes's thinking in the 1920s and 1930s. when the great challenges facing the world economy were depression and mass unemployment and inflation was more or less unknown. There is still a firm consensus that demand management should largely be conducted through monetary policy and that budgets should, at least over the cycle as a whole, be aimed towards balance. There is also no decisive

break in the unanimity, which continues to spread across the globe as neo-liberal economics. are exported to the developing world, that fighting inflation rather than pursuing full employment is the prime aim of macroeconomic policies. Instead, it is microeconomic or supply side policies that are touted as the main tool for trying to cut unemployment. So it is that institutions such

as the International Monetary Fund and the OECD - not to mention our own Kenneth Clarke - continue to urge structural reform, as well as lower interest rates, on those continental European economies lumbered with abjectly high levels of unemployment. And, as we all know, new Labour is committed to a tough inflation target and the golden rule on public borrowing as its macroeconomic framework with a panoply of so-called active labour market measures and micro-adjustments to the tax and benefit systems designed to incentivise the workforce and lower unemployment. There is not much vin-

tage Keynes on display here. But although big picture Keynesianism is far from maka triumphal return, there ing a triumphal return, there has been a distinct shift in economic thinking in America and Britain. Even the ideo-







In the brave new world post-Margaret Thatcher, Keynesian fine-tuning is back, but will Gordon Brown respond?

logues at the IMF appear to be part of an emerging strand of new Keynesianism.

Some, albeit rather isolated, voices are even trying to rehabilitate fine-tuning through fiscal policy as opposed to the e use of interest rates that has become established in Britain and America. In a paper this month for the National Institute of Economic and Social Research and the Economic and Social Research Council, Simon Wren-Lewis, Professor of Economics at Exeter University, argues against the current consensus that fiscal policy is ineffective in influencing demand and output. He contends that some fiscal

actions by government could be very powerful in managing demand by in-

fluencing the pattern of spending and provides model-based evidence of the effect on out-

types of fiscal stimulation. His findings are interesting in themselves, but the key point is that Professor Wren-Lewis writes on the assumption that there is nothing intrinsically wrong with using fiscal policy to determine the level of output at any given time.

By far the most important nod in the direction of Keynes is the fact that tackling unemployment is back on the economic and political agenda. On the simplest level, this is because unemployment is now perceived as a much more pressing social and economic problem than inflation which, for now, is relatively well behaved throughout the world.

But it is critically because supply side measures, and most importantly, reforms to make the labour market more flexible, are widely believed to have changed the balance between inflation and unemployment. There may still be a dominant camp of those who be-lieve, as Norman Lamont so notoriously expressed it, that unemployment is a "price worth paying" for low inflation. The difference now is that the

price may have been paid. The belief is that the Nairu (the non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment) or the ment has dropped. In other words, Britain can have lower unemployment without igniting higher inflation. How far unemployment can fall without tightening conditions in the labour market to the extent that wages start to rise in order to attract the right kind of staff is a key question of the current economic debate and hies at the

centre of current contention on

6 The most important nod in the

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A private dinner of top-flight

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different political sympathies

recently found nobody in dis-

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supply side reforms have worked. Most people used to

think that the unemployment

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Minford talks about a natural

For the record, it is worth

noting that last week's labour

market statistics showed the

unemployment rate falling to

6.2 per cent in February and

the annual rate of average

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say ominously — to 5 per cent.

It remains to be seen whether

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Magdi and his younger

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Belief that the Nairu has

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City bonuses or more widespread pressure on wages as unemployment falls. In the brave new world of

post-Thatcherism - and of course Reaganism - it is an exciting challenge for policy-makers to test just how far unemployment can safely fall. In this sense, Keynesian finetuning is certainly back.

Alan Greenspan, at the US Federal Reserve, has sailed as close to the inflationary wind as possible to pursue the goal of gher employment and done so with considerable success. In Britain. Mr Clarke has, by refusing to be panicked into raising interest rates by the Bank of England, tested his own belief that Conservative reforms may have raised Britain's long-run sustainable

growth rate from perhaps 2.25 per cent to nearer to 3 per cent. Treasury mandarins are, as ever,

unemployment is on the agenda 9 allowing themselves to think in terms of a small rise to 2.50 per

Against this background, new Labour finds itself in uncomfortable territory. Although it has pledged not to reverse Conservative reforms, it cannot bear to acknowledge fully that they have worked. The danger of this is that Gordon Brown may fail to test the lower limits of unemployment by encouraging a little bit more demand and chooses to pursue an unnecessarily cautious policy of tight money, dubbed sadomonetarism by some.

Mr Brown's sales pitch is that Conservative economic policies have failed and that it is new Labour that will raise Britain's long-run growth rate, largely through improving in-vestment in physical and intel-lectual capital. Most economists believe that trying to build up skills and education. in particular, is a useful aim in

ing all over the country, as the

itself but there is great scepticism that Labour will succeed in raising Britain's growth rate much further, except in the very long term.

For one thing, the Labour argument that low investment under successive Conservative governments has held back British growth does not completely hold water. Gross fixed capital formation has run at an average of 20.8 per cent of gross domestic product since 1965 and is close to that during the current recovery.

Regardless of Labour's accent on raising the growth rate through encouraging greater investment, Mr Brown seems to be missing the point that there may still be scope to reduce unemployment by taking Kevnesian measures simply to bring the economy back to its full growth potential. There are still those, of

course, who argue that Britain has reached its current combination of low inflation and fastfalling unemployment through the economic brutality of two deep recessions. Praise of Conservative supply side reforms has to be tempered with the observation that unemployment is still half a million higher than it was in 1979.

But Mr Brown has to answer the question whether he, as Chancellor, would be prepared to wipe that half a million off unemployment relatively swiftly by taking the demand side measures that the New Keynesian consensus is beginning to



Forecast: fog persisting indefinitely

succeed, try, try, try again" is not a bad rule hildren who get the answer wrong first go; they have been taught the rules, so they simply have to apply them. For grown-up forecasters and analysts, however, the world is not so simple. They apply the rules they have learnt, but they get the wrong answer. Did they miscalculate, or are the rules puestion is pressing, because forecasts seem to go from bad to worse; yet few of those who mislead us so confidently seem willing to consider revising the rules.

Look through the reports from lagging investment preach value investing) or from the economists who have been crying wolf about inflation for so long, and you will find something very like obstinacy. "We got it wrong last time," they admit, "but it will be different next time." Or the time after. Not the forecast, that is to say, but the outcome. Our copybook rules are bound to

Why do these people, from the Bank of England down, cling to strategies or models that are clearly faulty, and doing such damage to their reputations? Partly pride but partly economic pressure. Strategies and models cost. Value investment relies on a huge effort in company analvsis. An economic model. which can rival the complexity of a weather forecasting system, is even worse. So fine tune, by all means; check all the inputs (remember: garbage in, garbage out). But back to the drawing board? Not if we can help it: and anyway, who would pay for all the new software? An honourable exceptions

work in the end.

at first sight, is Oxford Economic Forecasting, whose warning of policy dilemmas for the next government was making so much weekend news. Most of their assessment section is an attempt to work out the consequences of the recent huge rise in sterling — an event which, they admit, took them, like most others, completely by surprise. They are bold enough to question the consensus view that with sterling so strong, inflation must fall;

rise when sterling was weak, so the link must be less direct than it looks. Full marks for open-mine Full marks, too, for clear language: I have seldom read an economic discussion in such limpid prose. No bafflegab at all. But what are they saying?

They do start one possible hare: the effect of exchange pends not just on the numbers, but on what caused any change. But since this change took them by surprise, they do not presumably know caused it; so they might just say: "This needs further research", and move on. But they don't. They start discussing hypothetical cases; and just what they are saying so lucidly, damined if I know, even after several readings. The rise of the pound might hold prices down, for a short or perhaps a longer time, or not, or it might even push them up. There that must cover all the exits.

It ought surely be possible to do better than this. For a start, the rise in sterling was not a surprise to everyone. Patrick Minford of Liverpool got it broadly right. (Why was this thinker dropped as a Treasury wise man? For showing up the others?) Readers of these pages will have read again and again that tight fiscal and loose monetary policy (for example, Japan and the EMU candidates) drives exchange rates down; and in case you missed the point. all these countries have announced that they wanted to devalue. So has the pound risen much at all, or are we simply on the other end of a see-saw? That looks like the main explanation. o far as it is not, it

suggests that British interest rates are too high, not too low; and that fiscal policy is still too relaxed. Awkward politically. but hardly a dilemma. The big threat to Gordon Brown's sleep is not policy. but his proposed Council of Economic Advisers. If Oxford is a fair sample of the goods on offer (and it is a bit better that fair), he will soon be lost in the fog too.

Jason Nissé looks into Saudi business strife

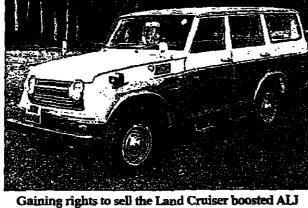
Family feud poses wider worries

change is blowing through the opaque world of Saudi Arabian business life. A legal battle for control of the \$4 billion Abdul Latif Jameel Group (ALJ), the international property, motor trading and consumer products giant, has exposed a structural schism and threatens the development of one of the world's richest nations. The fight for ALJ was prompt-

ed by the death in 1993 of Sheikh Abdul Jameel, its 84-year-old founder. A low-paid government official, he started the company in 1945, distributing Western consumer goods to the newly affluent Saudis. When, ten years later, he gained the rights to sell the Toyota Land Cruiser, a four-wheel drive vehicle essential before today's modern road networks were completed in the Gulf, the

company mushroomed. It is now the UK's third largest car dealer, owning Hartwell, the Land Rover seller. It also distributes electronic goods for Toshiba and Akai in the Gulf and has wide-

spread US property interests. Under Sharia, Sheikh Jameel's assets were divided between his six children, the three sons, Yousef, Mohammed and Madgi each receiving 22.2 per cent of the group



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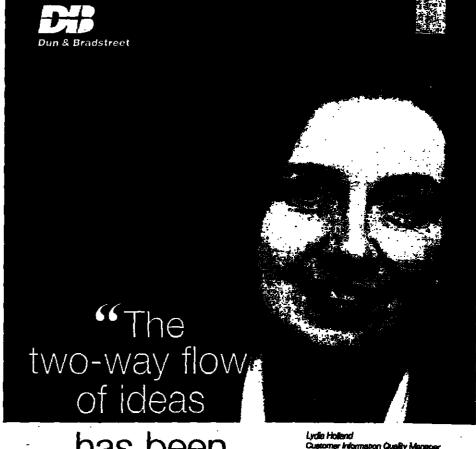
was seen by many as the heirapparent, having run the electronics business and the US operations, The eldest, Yousef, was an international playboy. well known in London clubs and casinos until 1988 when he breached a court order and kidnapped his daughter, Sara. 9. This restricted his movements as he could have been imprisoned for contempt had

he entered the UK. Now based in Jeddah, the Saudi capital. Yousef and the middle brother, Mohammed, decided to take control of the modern business practices, this group. Magdi claims they

ue of control of the massive industrial infrastructure created by Saudi Arabia's oil boom of the last half century comes to the boil. Most of the country's businesses are owned by families, often headed by ageing patriarchs. Sharia, which worked well when many Saudis were nomadic farmers, works less well when trying to determine the future of industrial

> The ALJ fight is the largest battle to emerge, but far from the first. Not long ago the Nagui family, which owns agencies for Rothman cigarettes and BMW cars, was torn apart by a battle between the leader's two sons over control of the group. In the end one son took the business while the other was paid off with assets and cash.

> Magdi Jameel admits his fight may be bad for ALJ prestige both at home and abroad. But it is also exposing the desperate need for reform in the country's commercial structures and law and may have much more wide-reaching implictions than deciding who controls the company that



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Tibbett & Britten recovers

Tibbett & Britten, the contract logistics company, saw pre-tax profits recover to £23.8 million in 1996 from £12.1 million previously, helped by improved trading conditions in the UK. Earnings almost doubled to 35.8p a share. There is a final dividend of 12p, making a total of 17.2p (16.2p). Almost half the total revenue was carned outside the UK, with North America accounting for more than 75 per cent of revenue growth.

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Fayrewood, the Aim-listed distributor of audio equip-ment, has conditionally agreed to buy Banque Magnetique for Fr23 million (£2.5 million) in cash and 457,446 Fayrewood shares. A further Fri2 million may be payable if performance criteria is met. Fayrewood shares have been suspended at 672p due to the size of the deal.

Luminar issue

Luminar, the bar and restaurant group, is to raise £15.6 million in a one-forthree rights issue at 320p a share. The shares rose 144p to 3592p after the announcement. The cash will be used to speed up the expansion of the Chicago Rock cafe theme bar and restaurant business.

Symonds fall

Shares in Symonds fell 17p to 42p after the electronic equipment group said results for the year to March 31 will not meet expections because of order shortfalls in the process technology and precision engineering divisions".

Capital foiled

Pre-tax profits at Capital Industries fell to £6.3 million (£6.5 million) in 1996 on turnover of £86.7 million (£89 million). The supplier of specialist packaging and foils is increasing the total dividend to 5.7p (5.2p), with a final 3p.

Logica helpline

Logica, the computer services group, will inday announce a £1.5 million contract to set up an emergency helpline for customelectricity provider. The will be named Trouble Call.

Kingsbury lift

Kingsbury Group, the fur-niture retailer, lifted pretax profits to £4.5 million from £4.1 million in 1996. A final dividend of 2.5p lifts the total 25 per cent to 3.75p, payable from earnings of 12.6p a share (11.7p).

Pilkington profit warning shatters City expectations

A PROFITS warning from Pilkington, the glass products group, shattered City optimism ahead of the results for the year to March 31. The profit forecast was revised down from £175 million to £130 million, sending the shares to their lowest level in more than three years.

The main reason for the shortfall is the depressed construction sector in Europe and overcapacity in the glass indus-try. Pilkington said. Sales volumes and end-product prices were badly hit in Germany, the

group's main market. The German building sector suffered heavy losses after the post-unification construction bubble burst two years ago. A restructuring programme an-nounced last year will be accelerated and expanded to cope with market conditions. Divisions on the Continent

face additional plant and line closures to improve efficiency. The group said: "As a result,



Rudd: setback

ongoing restructuring costs of close to £20 million per annum will be borne in the next two years, twice the level previously indicated."

A further one-off charge of £40 million is to be expected in the 1997 accounts to cover asset write-offs associated with its restructuring plans. Pilkington does not expect total net exceptional losses of more than £55 million.

rector, said Pilkington is in talks with unions in Germany about the closure of processing and double glazing plants. He said: "In Germany there will be a significant number of iob losses.

Europe is the biggest mar-ket for building material glass products. Around 80 per cent of sales are in continental Europe. Mr Robb said overcapacity in Europe had reached 10 per cent, but he believes sales will pick up in the

Sir Nigel Rudd, chairman. said: "These results represent a setback. However, I have no doubt the group's underlying

strategy is sound." The strength of the pound cost the group about £10 million because of a mixture of losses in translating foreign profits into sterling and the increased attractiveness of cheaper imports. The shares closed 7½ p down at 120p.



Charles Parker, the managing director of leisure group Clubhaus, and Guy Buckley, chief operating officer, cel ebrate a 70 per cent rise in profits to £1.49 million. Earn ings reached 3.6p a share but there is no final dividend.

Booker figures suffer over cost of buying rival

knocked back pre-tax profits at Booker, Britain's largest cash and carry operator, from £83 million to £13 million last

The company also revealed yesterday that the additional volume produced by the acquisition has put the reorganisation of its distribution network six months behind schedule. The integration of the two companies is otherwise on

Profits for the year to De-cember 28 were hit by exceptional charges of £88.9 million relating to the £264 million acquisition made in November, and to the reorganisation of Booker's food service

Operating profit from continuing operations excluding exceptionals rose 4 per cent to £122.4 million, while turnover from continuing operations increased 5 per cent to £4.44

Food wholesaling profits rose 27 per cent, including a contribution from Nurdin &

THE cost of buying Nurdin & Peacock. Fish processing also grew strongly, but profits degrew strongly, but profits de-clined in the agricultural businesses and in food service, which suffered from competitive markets and pressure on markets. Difficulties are expected to continue at Holroyd Meek, the contract caterers,

throughout 1997. Charles Bowen, chief executive, said he would consider selling the prepared foods business, which is considered non-core, but he has not yet received any reasonable offers. Booker would expect to raise more than £50 million

After exceptionals, a loss per share of 4.7p compares to earnings of 22.8p per share a year earlier. Net debt at the end of the year was £381.9

Booker shares fell 32p to 3332p as Jonathan Taylor, chairman, gave warning that significant benefits will not be seen by shareholders until 1998. A final dividend of 15.7p (15.2p) is payable on July 1. It gives a full-year dividend of 23.8p (23.1p).

Sale boosts Singer & Friedlander

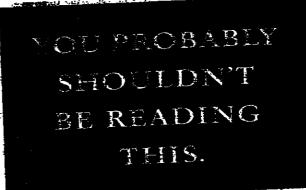
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SINGER & Friedlander, the City merchant bank, received a boost from the sale of its stake in Peoples Phone to lift annual pre-tax profits by 57

per cent, to E54.8 million. Without the exceptional sale item, Singer profits in the year to December 31 rose 22 per cent, to £41.7 million. Earnings per share, excluding the sale, rose to 11.63p, from 9.96p in 1995. The final dividend, due on June 4, rises to 2.8p. from 2.4p, making 4.65p (4p).

Singer, which saw funds under management rise to £6 billion, from £3.8 billion, said that Carnegie, a Nordic stockbroking, investment banking and asset management firm, had contributed £16.1 million to profits, against £14.3 million last time. Collins Stewart, the bank's broking arm, also contributed to bottom-line profits. In corporate broking. than £300 million.

On insurance broking, Singer said that "in spite of all steps" taken to reduce costs in Edgar Hamilton, the business continued to decline and make losses and had therefore been sold. The loss for the part of the year in which Singer owned the broker was £300,000, and there was a capital loss on sale of £3 million. Singer shares fell 10p to



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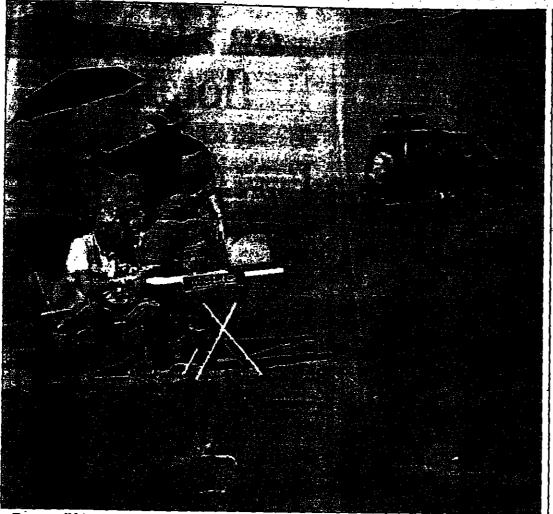
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Annie Turner introduces a special report on the upsurge in advanced technology that will revolutionise dialling



Desert call box: Sandy Gall sends home a story amid the dunes where normal links are absent

International deal that gets the world connected

The gulf between telecommunications links in the developed and developing world is expected to diminish rapidly after the landmark accord reached last month at the World Trade Organisation meeting

Sixty-eight countries promised to open up their telecommunications markets to competition and agreed to abide by a common set of rules to ensure fair play. Statistics over the past seven years have shown that in countries where competition in telecommunications has been allowed, economies have grown faster by an average of more than 6 per cent.

Charlene Barshefsky, the acting US trade representative who nego-tiated on behalf of the US at the WTO talks, described the pact as being "one of the most important trade agreements for the 21st century". It will come into force on January 1, 1998, the same date as complete telecommunications liberalisation is due to begin in most European Union countries.

All basic telecommunications services are covered in the agreement, including voice, data, fax and radio and satellite-based services. Ms Barshefsky claimed that it

could reduce the cost of international calls by as much as 80 per cent. in terms of market capitalisation, global telecommunications ranks

behind only health care and bank-ing as a global industry. Yet many sub-Saharan and other underdeveloped countries have fewer than a single telephone line per 100 people. At the other end of the scale, Sweden has more mobile phones per head of population than most countries have ordinary lines.

The growth in teleunications seems inexorable; it grew at twice the rate of the global economy

The ITU reckons that by 1998 the telecommunications sector will be a \$1 trillion industry worldwide and that, by the turn of the century, the combined base of conventional and mobile telephones will be around

All these figures are dizzying and, at first glance, it looks as though the revolution in telecommpmications is accentuating the golf between the developed and

developing world. The US, Western Europe and Japan become ever more reliant on

telephone calls, electronic mail, faxes and the Internet. In contrast, some 43 million households are on the waiting list for telephones around the world and the average waiting time is a year.

However, things could improve rapidly and radically in many Negotiator: Barshefsky developing countries, with such a number of countries promising to

open up their telecommunications markets to competition. Many countries have retained their national monopolies as they are normally highly profitable..

The other main factor that will

help the developing world is new technology. Installing phone lines is no longer a matter of putting be done far more quickly and cheaply by providing mobile networks or by using radio-based technology to provide "fixed" lines

or by satellite. According to Qualcomm of San Diego, California, by 2000 over 32 million "fixed" lines will be installed using radio technology which will rise to 529.8 million by 2010. In the next two years three competing constellations of satel-lites will be launched to provide phone, fax and data transmission

Needless to say, the world's telephone operators are rubbing their hands in glee at the prospect of this expected massive increase in traffic. In particular there has been an unseemly scramble by the world's largest telcos to form alliances to help them to address the needs of multinationals.

Jean-Yves Charlier, president of ITS, the global network integrator, says: "Multinationals want to cut costs and they see the best way of doing this to be through standardising their infrastructure and services

This is Sandy Gall, reporting from the desert

The days when intrepid explorers, and even businessmen and journalists travelling in remote areas, were cut off from all contact with the civilised

world have long gone.
The introduction of mobile satellite communications systems means that contact can be maintained just about everywhere in the world and the equipment is getting smaller. lighter and simpler to operate.

A satellite phone no bigger or heavier than a notebook PC has been developed and launched commercially in a joint initiative by BT and Norway's Telenor, who claim that it is the world's smallest global mobile communica-

the Mobig and weighing just 5lb. it can be used, say the makers, from virtually any land mass. They say it works even in the Himalayas, where previously cellular phones have been

Sandy Gall, the writer and broadcaster, was equipped with a Mobiq while leading an expedition across the Omani Desert.

"Naturally it doesn't pro-vide quite the sound quality

equipment," he said, "but it is terribly portable and considerably cheaper."

Immarsat satellites positioned over the equator provide the links for Mobiq. The high power of these newgeneration satellites means that less power is needed on the ground, paving the way for smaller terminals and cheaper call charges.

Users dial an international number as they would if they

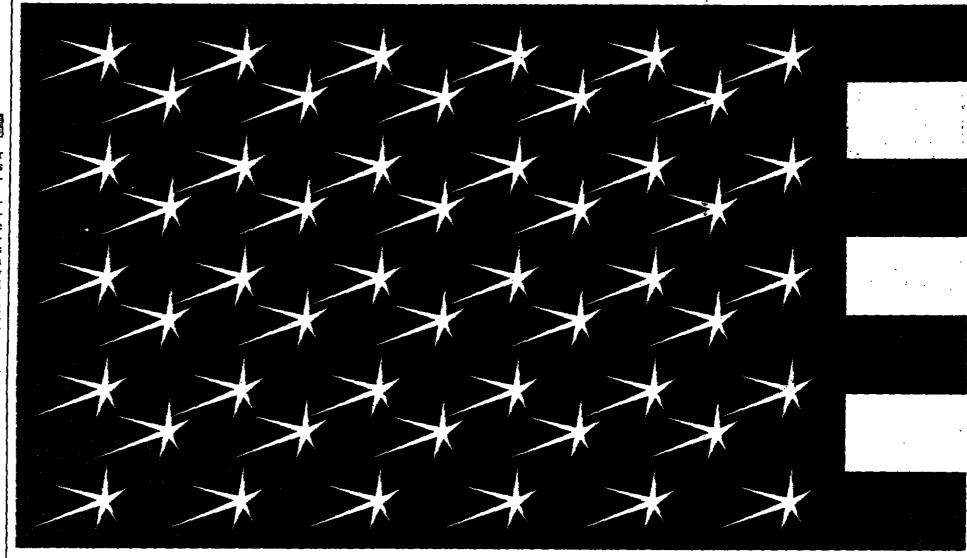
were using a conventional land line phone.

The Mobiq delivers digitised voice, fax and data communications including email and corres as a complete package of telephone and air

It is operated with a removable SIM card which offers security and allows users to share telephones while retaining their billing data and storing speed dial numbers on their personal cards.

The Mobiq costs £2,400 and call charges are about £1.80 per minute. There is a monthly charge of £15 which provides five minutes of free air

MICHAEL KNIPE



Overseas target fuels restructure

dvanced telecommuni-

cations play a signifi-Cant part in the structural reform programme under way in Japan to make the country's industry highly competitive again.

At the reoment, Japan lags far behind Europe and America in this field. For example, it is impossible to make a mobile telephone call from Japan to

The economic planning agency is encouraging entrepreneurship, deregulation and the development of a competitive market. Recommendations include liberalising entry into the telecommunications industry, abolishing price reg-ulation, and working to control the monopolistic power of NTT, which supplies local and long-distance telecommunications services through a modernised and largely digitai network.

NTT has been putting its efforts into rapid globalisa-tion. Last week it was announced that it had joined BT in a venture with Singapore Technologies Telemedia to bid for Singapore's second telecommunications licence. This is a very significant move, as Singapore has one of the most highly developed telecommunications systems in Asia.

Last week it was announced that BT and Marubeni Corporation will form a joint venture in Japan to provide domestic and global communications services.

Network Information Service (NIS), in which Marubeni and BT have major shareholdings, and BT Japan will join forces on April 1. Since the deregulation of the

mobile communications in-

dustry in 1994, the market in Japan for mobile phones and Personal Handyphone Systerns (PHS) has burgeoned. There are 26 mobile phone services on offer from foreign and domestic companies, with some 720,000 new customers a month joining almost 20 million existing customers.

PHS has more than 1.5 million subscribers to 28 PHS services, which attract 300,000 new customers each month. Combined, this means that just over 15 per cent of Japan's population of 120 million are mobile phone owners.

Japanese culture still remains an enigma to many outsiders. NTT is beginning to deal with the lack of information by using the Internet's World Wide Web. The Japan Window opened a year ago and aims to provide information about Japan to both America and Europe.

ontent is diverse and includes such topics as / Japanese business, economics and financial information, science and technology information and daily news features. Japan Window is accessed more than 16,000 times a day.

The Internet address is http://jw.nttam.com New sites about Japan appear each week which may be found using an online Web search engine such as Yahoo or Lycos to locate sites that include Japan in their address or

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growing sectors of the telecommunications market is phone cards. It has rapidly turned into a multi-million pound global industry.

There are many types of phone cards, but they have two things in common; they are simple to use and keep the cost of calls down. Now, prepaid cards predominate. They can be bought from garage forecourts to supermarkets and are in use in more than 188 countries.

But they have a significant disadvantage: they can be used only with pay phones that belong to the operator that issued the card and that are equipped to handle them.

Now, new types of cards are flooding onto the market. They work by the caller dialling an access code and the number he wants to reach. The access code automatically routes him to the card issuer's network and, after accessing a dialling tone, he can make his call.

These cards can be used with almost any phone, the only condition being that the toll free number (0800 or 0500 number in the UK) that typically is used as the access code is obtainable from the country you are in. The number 0800 has been agreed as the international standard for toll free calls, but not everywhere yet. Another bonus of using

calling cards when abroad is

credit is booming in

Annie Turner

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that you can deal with an operator who speaks your language and uses a lamiliar Another variation is charge

cards issued by your home or office service provider, so that calls made from elsewhere are simply added to your home or office phone bill or charged to your credit card. Most of the big operators issue charge cards including AT&T. BT, MCI and Sprint. They ensure that you do not pay for the use of the phone that you make the call from, but are billed at the same rate as you would have paid back at base.

This is useful in many situations, including being abroad, being able to use a friend or even a stranger's phone without it costing them. or to provide cards to children so that they have no excuse for not calling home.

Where the card is used to make calls on a telephone account, security is usually enforced with a personal identification number (PIN) for authentication before calls are

Mobile subscribers can cut out the hotel phone system altogether, especially as the ability to use a mobile phone abroad (roaming) is becoming more commonplace. Although roaming is expen-

sive, it is still cheaper than hotel bills and a mobile phone can be used in conjunction with a calling card. Matthew Fernandez, sales director with London-based card producer TCS, thinks this will prove a popular option.

Prepaid cards are available

from other operators such as

Swiftcall (0171-488 2001) or

First Telecom (0171-572 7700)

or World Telecom (0171-384

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Subscribers' can top up the

amount of airtime they have

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In many ways, the rise of the

calling card is due to greedy

hotels, whose typical mark-up

is 700 per cent. The hotel

business is out of step with the

rest of the world. The cost of

calls is falling worldwide, yet

hotels insist on charging a

premium, provoking much re-

Furthermore, many busi-

ness travellers turn their hotel

bedrooms into mobile offices

and want to be able to send

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The cost is prohibitive and

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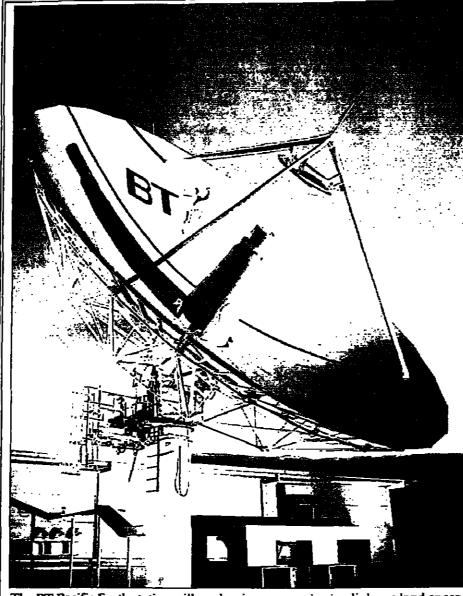
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He believes that many companies are realising that phone cards make a superb marketing tool, and that the next step is to put phone credits on to supermarket loyalty cards.



Uplink down under

WHEN the new £15 million Land Earth Station in Auckland goes live in May. BT is set to offer its customers a service that apart from the polar regions, will span the whole world, Michael Knipe writes.

Called BT Pacific the station will work in tandem with BT's existing land Earth stations, BT Atlantic (former Goonhilly) in the UK and BT Indian at Eik in

The station will provide the Earth link for the Inmarsat Pacific Ocean region satellite and offer a full range of communications facilities including voice. fax, telex, data and high speed data capabilities. It

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will also introduce applications such as video conferencing. Internet access and

"Customers will be able to use BT anywhere in the world on land or at sea," says Rohan Chanmugam, general manager of BT's aeronautical and maritime divisons. "We are probably not the

cheapest service but ours provides the best quality and customer service. A dedicated network will maintain our service."

Competitive pricing and a single billing system are

among the advantages for customers using its services worldwide at sea or on land. Brs New Zealand partner. telecommunications provider Clear, has assisted by providing the national and nternational links to the BT global voice and data networks. BT's communications systems for maritime and land mobile use include Inmarsat-A, B-Sat. M-Sat. C-Sat and Mobiq.

Another recent development by BT saw the introduction of B-Sat High with airtime Speed Data (HSD). an extension of the B-Sat service. It enables interconnection with the land-based Integrated Services Digital

Gallic system on alert for flotation

Trance Telecom, the telecommunications mo-I nopoly owned by the French Government, will be partially privatised in May in what is expected to be the largest curporate stock offering in French history. Joel Stratte-McClure writes.

The announcement in Paris last week concerning the comcarry's financial future will boost the liberalisation of the domestic relecommunications market. It also cements the French approach to the European Union-mandated open elecommunications market rn January 1, 1998.

The public flotation of the company, which has been valued by financial experts at between Fri00-200 billion (£11-22 billion) is expected to gener-

ate between Fr30-50 billion £3.5-6 billion). The French Government will keep 51 per cent of the shares to, "keep it a model of a public sector minister said. One survey indi-

cates that 27 per cent of all Frenchmen will be interested in buying shares when selling starts on May 27 and the stock is listed on the Paris and New York markets on June 9.

Michel Bon, 52, president, is former banker and retailer who took over the reins of France Telecom in 1995. He says: "We want the greatest number of shareholders pos-

M Bon - who is credited with taming French unions, cutting telecommunications rates, and improving overall telephone and data services also announced financial results last week. Last year, the world's fifth largest telecommunications carrier had revenues of Fr151.3 billion (£17.25 billion), up 2.4 percent on 1995's Fr147.8 billion (£16.8 billion), and earnings of Fr2.1 billion (£240 million), versus Fr9.2 billion (£1 billion). The decline in earnings reflected charges relating to privatisation.

The privatisation of France Telecom, which became A legal corporation on January L. in accordance with the July 1996 Telecommunications Act. has been a key aspect of President Jacques Chirac's economic policy. The timing of the offering had been delayed until France Telecom became more competitively structured.

A few years ago the French telecommunications market was seen as less open than other European countries when it came to foreign competition. In addition, thousands of workers went on strike in 1993 to protest a change in France

Telecom's statemonopoly status. Biggest stock To establish a niche as a global offer in operator France Telecom has, French among its international activihistory formed

Global One with Deutsche Telekom AG and Sprint Corp, the American long distance operator. That venture had sales of over \$500 million (£509 million) last year.

Big play

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Although France Telecom is now considered the only operator in France with significant market power, a number of French and foreign players are entering the fray. Such competition raises questions about the outlook for the soon-to-beprivatised former monopoly.

'France has an image as a high-tech leader in telecommunications and France Telecom was relatively entrepreneurial for a state company." comments Mel Horwitch, formerly a professor at the Theseus Institute, a graduate school subsidised by France Telecom. "But will they remain innovative in the pri-







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Rome gets green light at last The card comes equipped

ITALY has been accused of dragging its feet in imple-menting EU directives on the liberalisation of its telecommunications market, John

But the Prime Minister, Romano Prodi, and Antonio Maccanico, the Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, have brought the country largely into line with EU requirements as managers at Stet, the state-run telecommunications giant, prepare for privatisation. Stet's flagship, Telecom Ita-

lia. has been a remarkable success story compared to the bleak record of many other big public concerns in Italy.

Signor Prodi and his Treasury Minister, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, are keen to begin privatisation of Stet by the autumn to bring in muchneeded revenue.

Signor Prodi appears well on the way to overcoming political objections to privatisation that have been raised by both the National Alliance domestic and international and the Marxist Communist network is designed to carry Refoundation parties. Signor Maccanico sees

liberalisation of the market as essential to show potential private investors that Telecom italia and the other Stet companies can function in a competitive market. A government decree that takes effect this month covers at least three EU directives linked to liberalisation, bringing Italy largely into line with Brussels' requirements.

A further directive concerning satellite down links has to be approved by the Rome Parliament.

Telecom Italia's net income was up by 53 per cent last year, compared with 1995, an increase of 21.4 per cent. Sales of new services were 1.256 billion lire (£472 million) last year, up 78 per cent on 1995. Telecom Italia's sophisticated

out massive traffic flows and provide a wide spectrum of innovative services. Since Telecom Italia was

established in 1994 it has opened 22 offices overseas. Through its subsidiary TeleMedia International it is active in Latin American markets, especially Chile, Bolivia, Argentina and Peru, offering multinational business customers high-quality data transmission, outsourcing and messaging services.

The company is also active in the new Eastern European conomies and in the Middle

Stet's mobile telephone subsidiary TIM has become a European market leader in the sale of its innovative prepaid rechargeable telephone card for inserting in

GSM handsets, the TIM card.

with a microchip containing all the clients' data, the assigned telephone number and two security cards. The card monthly fees and telephone Signor Maccanico reiterated on Monday that the Gov-

ernment still plans to hold a special competition for the allocation of the third mobile telephone production licence in Italy, following those issued to TIM and Omnitel. A consortium called PCN that hopes to obtain the new

cellular licence includes British Telecom, Albacom, the Banca Nazionale di Lavoro and Mediaset, part of the empire of the media mogul Silvio Berlusconi. An American company,

GTE, last week withdrew its interest in the consortium, blaming what it saw as the slow pace of liberalisation of the telecommunications mar-

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Red tape holds back Chinese development

Ruth Taplin examines how Western

firms are reluctant to invest when long

term profits are not guaranteed

t can cost £17 per page to send a fax from China and telephone calls are as much as £1.57 a minute, because mainland China's telecommunications are still in their development stage and have been hampered by bureaucracy.

There is also a lack of understanding by the Government that Western companies need to be confident of making long-term profits before they will invest. China is burdened by an enor-

mous population and wide disparities in wealth between the wealthy east coast and poor country areas.

However, there are signs that changes are occurring slowly. The reintegration of Hong Kong may have a great impact as telecommunication links between China

and Hong Kong are plentiful.
China's Ministry of Posts and
Telecommunications (MPT) regulates all issues concerned with telecommunications. Above the MPT are the policy making body and the legislative body, respectively the State Council and the People's Congress. In wireless communication and large scale projects, the State Regulatory Committee and the State Planning

Commission are also involved in key decision making.

Although China Unicom was launched in 1994, and recently began cellular services, the MPT has impeded its progress by regu-lating prices to such low levels that it is difficult for Unicom to expand. Driving the level of return down has also deterred foreign investment and stifled competition.

China has further stated that it will not open its telecommunications market fully to foreign companies because of the immaturity of its market, which may delay its entry into the World Trade Organ-

The country does not allow foreign companies to operate telecoms networks in its domestic market, but has allowed them to sell equipment in China if the foreign firms manufacture locally and transfer technology.

Yet, China will allow Hong Kong to continue operating its own telecommunications network after the takeover in July. Hong Kong and southern China have the most frequently used telecoms networks in the world.

This is exemplified by the extent of illegal mobile phone use from



The face of new China: telecommunications are becoming more accessible to a backward population as the economy there develops

neighbouring Guangdon province. which is seriously disrupting air traffic control in Hong Kong.

This year, mobile phone subscribers will exceed ten million and they will reach twenty million by the year 2000. The Beijing Telecommunications Administration re-

cently signed an agreement for a "One-Stop-Shop" service offered by Telstra and another carrier which provides a high-speed service with-in and across national borders and with a single source of ordering, billing, fault-reporting and customer support.

communication network went on line last December. The Japanese company NEC, in co-operation with the Sino Information Centre, provided the host computer and all the software, valued at one billion yen. There are expected to be 20,000

China's first large-scale Internet

users by the end of this year, and \$0,000 by 2000. The village telegraph office, which has hardly changed since the 19th century, will not change immediately.

State planners have said that prolonged and sustained invest-

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ment is needed in these impover-

ished sectors. in urban areas, the telegraph system has been rapidly replaced by mobile and fixed telephones and fax machines. Perhaps the most surprising development has been the agreement recently signed be tween China and Taiwan, allowing. an underwater cable to be built across the Taiwan Strait linking the rival countries.

¶acsimile machines are expected to soar to ten mil-lion owners by the year 2000 from only 900,000 last year. There are 20 fax machine manufacturers in China and most of them assemble imported parts. Domestic production can only keep up with a fraction of demand.

Companies from all over the world are active in China. Japan's NIT has established its first joint venture in China with Shanghai NTT Communications Engineering, which will direct and train in matters related to the management. and operation of the cellular tele-

phone industry. Ericsson has signed an expansion contract with the Shandong PTA. The \$30.7 million (£19.5 million) contract will expand the Shandong network to a total capacity of 500,000 subscribers.

Potential is still vast. The Chinese Government has plans to expand by the year 2000.

Big players hit downturn after deregulation

THE UNITED STATES

probably seemed like a good idea at the time . — to funnel almost \$5 million (£3.2 million) into the campaign war chests of strategically placed Congressmen and Senators while they were crafting a massive Bill aimed at deregulating the American telecommunications

But now, more than a year after the Bill became aw, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company must be having second thoughts. While its competitors are doing well under the new rules. AT&T is facing declining profits and share values.

Though it was the largest single contributor, AT&T was outbid collectively by the local telephone companies in the quest for Congressional favours. These gave more than \$10 million (£6.3 million) to politicians in the five years leading up to the passage of the Bill and it is they who have reaped the rewards.

In theory, the Telecommunications Bill set out to create a level playing field. Long distance telephone companies would be permitted to compete in local markets, while the seven Baby Belis and GTE would be able to gain access to the long distance and international networks. The bill also sought to promote competition among cable television companies, and raised the limit on the number of radio and television stations that broadcast companies could own.

practice, however, local loyalties have made it hard for AT&T to penetrate the Baby Bell markets, while price wars with MCI, Sprint, and a swarm of upstart small long-distance providers have nibbled

away at its main business. Meanwhile, other American companies are looking overseas for dividends, seeing opportunities in forthcoming European deregulation. Nynex and Viatel have both been expanding rapidly, and have now joined with British Telecom, MCI and others as signatories to the Fiberoptic Link Around the

continents and 12 countries. Mergers and acquisitions in the American industry are abounding, with the \$20 billion (El2.4 billion) deal between BT and MCI representing the tip of the iceberg as companies consolidate their positions.

Globe (FLAG) agreement, which will connect three

The Holy Grail to which many are steering is the provision of "one-stop shopping" for the consumer, embracing the provision of television, telephone, and computer data services from one source.

The technology now exists which will make this possible, and the Telecommunications Bill has stripped away most legal obstacles. Yet for all the frenzied

activity on the stock ex-

change, the American telecommunications revolution seems to have had little impact on the consumer. It may be ten years or more, say the experts, before there is any good news

for the man in the street. This comes as no surprise to the average American. It was, after all, the corporations and not the consumers who paid their political dues to Congress. Except, is such a thing as Murphy's Law - what can go wrong.

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Looking ahead to open market

AÚSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA could find itself dealing with two massive telecommunication stock market flotations this year as both of the country's telephone carriers seek a listing on the Australian stock exchange, Rachel Bridge writes. First is likely to be the

partial privatisation of Telstra, formerly Australia Telecom which the Government hopes will raise at least A\$8 billion (£3.8 billion). Despite fierce opposition in the Federal Parliament, the Government narrowly succeeded in getting approval for the sale and is hoping to sell

off a third of the group. The country's second carrier Optus, in which Cable & Wireless and BellSouth Corporation each have a 24.5 per cent share, is also hoping to make its stock market debut this year provided it is able to resolve litigation over its pay-TV arm, Optus Vision, in

time. Analysis say that up to

51 per cent of the company. including a 25 per cent stake currently held by local industrial group Mayne Nickless. may be floated, raising up-wards of A\$2 billion (£952

The two public listings coincide with a year of upheaval for the Australian industry. which is set to be completely deregulated from July I.

The Government took the first step towards deregulating the market in 1991, when it allowed Optus to begin offering long distance calls in competition with Telstra and enabled the UK's Vodalone to become the country's third

mobile phone operator. This time, however, the entire market, wurth A\$20 billion (£9.5 billion), will be opened up to outside compeli-

Communications Minister Richard Alston is hoping that competition will translate into lower bills for consumers.



THEATRE ! Hurlyburly, a wild portrait of sleazy-smart California,

impresses in (and



■ THEATRE 2 Vivid dialogue but little coherence in **Black Mime** Theatre's Mourning Song



■ THEATRE 3 Broadway may be musicals-led. but serious plays are flourishing on New York's smaller stages



TOMORROW. The Bard gets updated: read Geoff Brown on Romeo and Juliet and the other new films

THEATRE: David Rabe's fine play defies a bomb scare. Plus energetic confusion and a short but sweet revival out of) the Old Vic

Out of the jungle into the park

as the curse of Mac-beth responsible? programme-note that he took the title of his wonderfully wild if sometimes woolly portrait of the Californian drink, drug and di-vorce set from Shakespeare's most chilling opening scene. One witch tells the others she will meet them when the hurlyburly's done, when the battle's lost and won", adding that the rendezvous will be "the heath". Well, a bomb-scare meant that the audience ended up banished from the Old Vic and gathered round a bench and a tree opposite the theatre. Hurlyburly was finally done, not on a heath, but in a tiny, grotty park normally occupied by winos.

It was impossible not to admire the resilience of Rupert Graves, Susannah Doyle and Daniel Craig as they defied the din of the traffic and ensured that we who were standing or kneeling round them did not miss Rabe's sad, funny denouement. But then the play would be worth attention if it had been relegated to the bottom of a plague-pit in Mortlake. It has its implausibilities and pretensions, but it is still hard to understand why so energetic a piece has taken 13 years to cross the Atlantic.

Hurlyburly Old Vic

Rabe's best-known plays -Sticks and Bones, Streamers, The Basic Training of Pavlo Hummel - involve the human disasters caused by Vietnam. Hurlyburly is different, yet not wholly different. Its portrait of sleazy-smart Califor-nia leaves you feeling you have been parachuted into a subtropical war zone variously populated by the lost, frightened, callous, angry. vicious and reptilian. Its people are members of the movie subculture, and usually high on something. whether it is coke, booze, sex, psychobabble, narcissism, misogy-ny or paranoia. They inhabit the Hollywood jungle, and the Holly-wood jungle inhabits them.

n so far as there is a plot, it involves Graves's Eddie, a casting director, and Andy Serkis's Phil, the troubled excon he tantalises with promises of movie roles. It is hard to believe that two such different men would share the time of day, let alone long chats and, it seems, the odd woman: but maybe that is Rabe's point. Eddie is adrift in the Californian shallows and threw away his

moral compass ages ago. It amuses and vaguely reassures him to collect people: the runaway girl a chum brings home as a sexual "care package"; the tart he watched performing fellatio on a film star in front of her child; Phil, behind whose tattoos seethes a murderous temper.

Does Rabe convince us that somewhere inside Eddie is a seri-ous man appalled by the neutron bomb, political corruption and the frivolity of TV and film? Not really. But he has written a role that the excellent Graves invests with a nice mix of scorn, ennui and fastidious self-absorption. Indeed, Wilson Milam's cast is as strong as I recall Walken, Keitel, Ivey, Weaver and William Hurt being in 1984. Serkis brilliantly catches Phil's baffled violence: Stephen Dillane and Daniel Craig bring Eddie's friends to shrugging, sneering life; and, though the men's roles are bigger and better than the women's. Elizabeth McGovern finds emotional need as well as brittleness in his girlfriend. They all deserved the standing ovation they received in that funny little park. They had served the play and the theatrical

BENEDICT



Casting director Eddie (Rupert Graves) brandishes the bottle at Andy Serkis's Phil and Susannah Doyle's Bonnie in Hurlyburly

PLENTY of energy has gone

into Moorning Song (Cochrane), and plenty of thought, but ... The thought has been directed towards indicating and linking various experiences of distress, mostly to do with death and suffered by women, and the energy of the five female performers of Black Mime Theatre is displayed for all to see. And yet. The links are not strong:

that is to say, the cast switch rapidly from playground bullies to London tarts to grieving mothers to office cleaners, but no great gain is derived from this expertise. in truth, much confusion comes of it: what are the tarts doing here, for ingramme insists that one of the hree stories presents a racist killing, no indication of this This is a pity because when

the devised texts - coordinated and directed by Denise Wong - concentrate on one story for more than half a minute, there are vivid and effective incidents. Dar-

Much ado about not much

LONDON FRINGE

ren, the over-mothered and bullied schoolboy, nerves himself to step into a bath (represented by his mother's arms) and lowers his head below the water surface. This is calmly. simply, sorrowfully shown. Two staves serve as a coffin: the pallbearers turn through a right angle, lower the staves and are immediately standing

at a graveside. Lisa Vandy's design gives us a shallow semicircle of upright canes, which leaves a decently spacious area for the company to roll and jump and tumble. But above these hangs a cluster of screens, assorted in shape and fracturing the images projected on them. Look at us, they seem to say, aren't

The company wear baggy jeans bulging with knee pads under purple sweaters bulg-ing with elbow pads. They grin, fight and talk in other

tongues. The third story tells of a Vietnamese boar-person who becomes a cleaner in the West and dies. But her experience on the boat is muddled and too little is made of her life in exile. Neither did I extract much

information about preparing oneself for death, nor even what to do when a son. partner or mother dies. Sometimes the five move or sing in unison, sometimes not. Somethose who are moving and those who remain tensely motionless creates a fine tableau. At other times the contrasts create a fine nothing in particular. So much energy.

dense but undetermined. At the Orange Tree Room, simply summarised. But Susan Glaspell's style of writing leaves a sense that just around the corners of what she reveals lie untoid mighty dramas. If she had so wished, you feel, she could have built the story of the drowned sailor, or the silent maid, or the misogynist New Yorker, into the sort of slow-beating, heart-churning

Eugene O'Neill. In 1917, when this play was organising the Provincetown Players on Cape Cod. The programme prints a map of the area, and even if this is not strictly necessary, it is interest-ing to see how the northern extremity of the cape bends like an arm to protect the little The Outside is short (barely town. This is how Allie Mayo, identify them more clearly; half an hour) and can be the taciturn maid, describes it, former sailors, perhaps, fish-

play that was to bring fame to

but the sand dunes that bar the ocean are themselves a threat. Woods hold the moving hills from burying Provincerown but dour Mrs Patrick finds a grim satisfaction in watching the sands

slipping down over the trees. Here is a landscape ripe for use as symbol, where even the man-made features are put to use: Mrs Patrick's new home was once a life-saving station but is now disused. She wishes to cut herself off from something painful but is eventually told that this is cutting her off

Glaspell's dramatic method here is strikingly different from the ampler style of her slightly later Inheritors, still playing in the Orange Tree's main house across the road. The first characters to appear are three sea-farers. I cannot

ermen, life-savers. Paul Williamson's Captain occupies almost half the play trying to resuscitate a drowned man in front of us, but this seemingly indirect entry into the pasts of Jan Carey's Mrs Patrick and her maid in fact takes us boldly to the very heart of it.

In a short play an author cannot afford to hang around. but it is a mark of Martin Wylde's straightforward direction, and especially the quality of Anna Kirke's performance as the stricken Allie, that her line, "That boy there - his face - uncovered something, sends a shiver of excitement up the spine. We learn only a little about them: but the sense of lives stretching out beyond the play is strong. There is a Portuguese sailor who might he here just to make a sign of the cross over the body. I kept thinking of the stories of Katharine Mansfield, with the sense they give of being fragments of life, brightly, briefly illumined.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Death and the maidens: Tracy Bickley and Mai Yu in Black Mime Theatre's all-female Mourning Song

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

SEASON

Spring/Summer

(season ends 23 August)

Race, slaves and the mercy of quality WHILE New York waits for a slew of musicals to open in April, serious drama is percolating at small houses. Down-THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR

wall Jackson's House. The latter, produced on a shoestring and directed by MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Jamie Richards, is long overdue and wickedly funny. Henry S. Dunn has designed a panelled highway billboard whose segments revolve to show painted interior rooms, as a black docent (Lisa Louise CYMBELINE Longford) leads two white couples on a tour of the Confederate general's Virginia home. "Terrible thing, slav-

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town at the New York Theatre from an imagined production of a play under consideration Workshop, David Rabe's A Question of Mercy looks at by a regional theatre. Dunn's assisted suicide, while midpanels open to show a rehearsal room where a debate rages. town at the American Place Theater, Jonathan Reynolds Racism is only one of the charges. "It's mean-spirited," declares Mimi Bensinger's bony, bleached-blonde Gabsatirises liberalism in Stoneriela, the co-artistic director. Her marshmallowy husband Oz (Faber) sees some merit: The play is about the need for

a welfare state." When Longford's eloquent dramaturge Tracy reveals that she is the author, and not R. E. Rodgers's bullish "playwright", who has been loping around the room countering ery," Ron Faber's craggy-faced Barney solemnly intones. We're from Ohio, so we know." Beguiled by Barney's idyllic description of his farm. the docent suddenly asks, "Can I be your slave?" Then the second couple, from Alabama, decide they want to be his slaves, too. Exeunt omnes.

their barrage, the lefties are shocked. Tracy argues force-fully but in vain against their paternalism and sacred cows. One may laugh helplessly at the colour and gender-blind revision ultimately forced on her with Rodgers in drag declaring that "Mrs Beethoven ghost-wrote the Seventh Symphony while Ludwig was away celebrating Kwanzaa."

THE MOVIE pitch, at least since Robert Altman deployed it with such satirical precision in The Player, is approaching the status of an independent literary genre. In Donal O'Kelly's Catalpa. the pitch, that one-shot attempt to reach inside the heads of those with the power to get a film made, attains new heights, as a bedsitbound cineaste flies us through his

incarcerated there.

O'Kelly's cinemascope telling of the

story of the Catalpa. a whaling ship secretly re-routed to Western Australia by Irish-American activists to rescue six 19th-century Irish freedom fighters

The story certainly has epic scope -

theatrical storytelling. O'Kelly, best known for his part in the film version of Roddy Doyle's The Van, stars in a piece (which he also wrote) as Matthew Kid, the black sheep of an Irish family. Too unruly for the professions, too haughty to brown-nose the Hollywood types, he seems to have blown his chance to have his movie "greenlighted" and has returned home disconsolate.

dream movie in a marathon of dazzling

The scene turns out to be



Life class: A Question of Mercy ponders assisted suicide

But there is nothing funny about the way Tracy's liberal mentors keep her on their

A Question of Mercy is based on an essay, and al-

ella's deferential Thomas Ames, with a desperare plea. Thomas's lover Anthony is suffering with Aids. They want the doctor to "intervene". Specifically, Anthony asks Chapman to coach him on how to take some contraband pills. Faced with Juan Carlos Hernandez's charm and politesse as Anthony, any doctor

cian's "consoling formality and regard himself as "an instrument, like a forceps or a scalpel". Chapman even agrees to administer an injec-

tion if Anthony fails. Despite a script peppered with monologues and phone calls but little action. Douglas Hughes's production gathers momentum and fascinates. The principals, who include Veanne Cox as a friend of the gay men, sip tea in front of an immense, red, Rothko-like painting as they discuss alibis and autopsies. The tension builds like a crime thriller in which you root for the victim's death. These are civilised people, Rabe suggests.

There are a few problems. A comic doorman grows tedious, and Cox's friend has the warmth of a prison matron. But Spinella brings out the poignancy in a character who irritatingly fretful. And Hernandez, seated next to a slide projector clicking away pictures of Anthony's life, makes the suicide attempt harrowing. Death, it turns out, a not for the civilised.

EDWARD KARAM

get-busting helicopter shot, or a whale and her calf exploding from the ocean's depths. A curtain billows into the sail of a whaling ship, and O'Kelly begins a series of changes that see him acting and sounding like every beast and gadget that a 19th-century sailor might

The drama is punctuated by references to the shot to be employed, but while acknowledging the powerful language of cinema. O'Kelly and the director, Bairbre Ni Chaoimh, coyly stage something to rival any special effects Hollywood could offer. The contrast between megabuck industrial light and magic and this single actor's ability to conjure whole oceans from a sheet and a pillow is never overstated. but never less than glaring.

though the title hints at the author's bias, Rabe offers a complex portrait. Zach Grenier's stolid Dr Robert Chapman is approached by an acquaintance, Stephen Spin-Dazzling pitch for a whale of a movie IRISH THEATRE Catalpa Gate Theatre, Dublin This little bit of exposition is put across with breathtaking speed in the play's opening moments. This leaves the remaining two hours or so to

love, sex and death on two continents and an ocean - but there is no doubt that its most colossal aspect is O'Kelly's performance. Naturally, O'Kelly plays all the human characters in the piece, but he does much more. With the help of live keyboard playing by Trevor Knight, he metamorphoses into a

squawking seabird introducing a bud-

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Justice for Billy Strayhorn: high time that Duke Ellington's collaborator is given his due



Fats Waller is only moderately. well served by a new touring show of his songs

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Power behind Duke's throne

JAZZ: Clive Davis on the short elisive life of Billy Strayhorn, Duke Ellington's pianist and a fine composer in his own right

veryone knows that Take The A-Train is a Duke Ellington tune, just as Take Five is Dave Brubeck's. Well, no. Take Five, that most mis-attributed of all modern jazzthemes, was actually written by Bribeck's elegant saxophonist, Paul Demond. Similarly, Take The A-Trien was the work of one of the most interesting but least familiar of jazkomposers, Billy Strayhorn — a piaist who spent most of his career prints who spent must orms care-in he all-consuming shadow of his frind and samployer, Edward Ken-

nely Ellington. traybora died of cancer in 1967, agh only 51. In the three decades e then the most evocative of his miodies - Chelsea Bridge, Blood Cant, Isfahan - have become as rejected a part of the canon as his mintor's own pieces. His magical balad Lush Life, popularised by Nt King Cole, is a sliver of wee siall hours melancholia worthy of

The last five years have seen the ejergence of what amounts to a chage industry, producing a flurry recorded tributes by artists as verse as his confidante Lena orne and the saxophonist Joe enderson. Yet, considering his ple at the centre of the pre-eminent zz orchestra, he has remained a hubbornly elusive presence.

His anonymity owed something o Ellington's acquisitive person-lity. Though the bandleader once lescribed him as 'my right arm, my left arm, all the eyes in the back of my head", Ellington (like many a bindleader) was not always scrupuleus in acknowledging his collabo-mtors' contributions. But Strayforn's anonymity also seems to lave been the protective camoullage f a homosexual and cafe-society on viveur who preferred life away

rom the public gaze.
With the arrival of David Hajdu's [16.99], many of the gaps are at last being filled. An editor on the American magazine Entertainment Weekly. Hajdu has done a prodigious job in tracking down his subject's friends, acquaintances and colleagues. If the musical analysis is under-developed (it would have leen interesting, for instance, to lave learnt much more about trayhorn's techniques and his vowed interest in classical forms). lajdu has delivered an absorbing and well-rounded human portrait. John Lewis, planist with the everppular, quasi-baroque Modern 122 Quartet, recalls his first impreson on hearing a Strayhorn ar-

rangement: "It sounded as if Stra-vinsky were a jazz musician." Ravel and Debussy were a more explicit influence on Strayhorn, whose formal training acted as a counterweight to the intuitive genius of the self-taught Ellington.

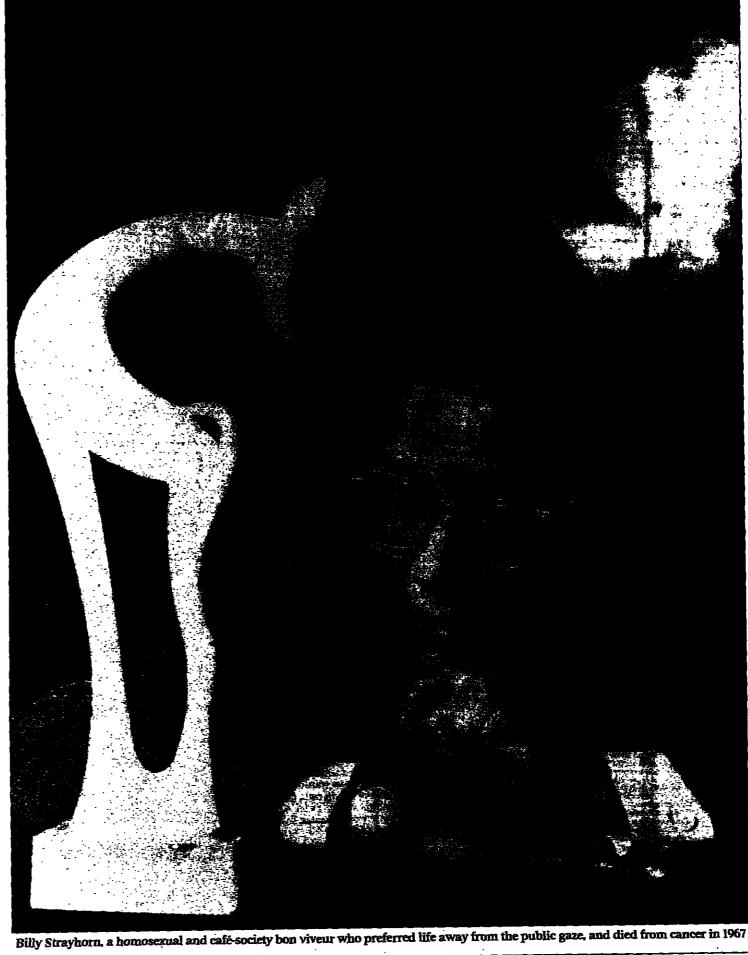
While the latter occupied himself with the gruelling business of writing and keeping an unusually creative big band on the mad between studio engagements, Strayhorn - a much less driven individual - acted as his cultural antennae, reading the books that the older man never had the leisure or inclination to read, listening to the composers that he had no time to

Hajdu sensitively sketches the pressures arising from the conflict between creative independence and material comfort, between Strayhorn's relative indolence and Ellington's boundless energy. The very fact that Strayhorn belonged to both a racial and sexual minority must have contributed to the drinking that undermined his health.

n striving to win approval from the "serious" music establishment, jazz fans sometimes turn their heroes into plaster saints, incapable of sounding a sour note or writing a dull tune. The most engaging of Ellington's recent biographers, James Lincoln Collier, went against the grain by speculating that, for all his unarguable talents, Strayhorn's penchant for luxuriant textures may have undermined the "masculine learness" of Ellington's best work: Take The A-Train, after all, was not a typical Strayhorn piece.

It is a question that Hajdu does not explore. Nor does he linger over the question of whether Such Sweet Thunder and the other suites that accounted for so much of the orchestra's output in the postwar ministures.

Whether Strayhorn would have flourished away from Ellington's influence is impossible to answer. The rare 1961 solo album, The Peaceful Side of Billy Strayhorn recently reissued on Capitol showcases some of his most memorable themes, including Passion Flower and Something To Live For. but the project is marred by lightweight piano playing and an horrendously schmaltzy choral accompaniment on Lush Life. The Duke's men were never quite the same away from his court; Strayhorn was probably no



ALTHOUGH he tends to live on in the public imagination as a rum-bustious vocalist and the leader of a hard-swinging band called the Rhythm, Fats Waller was also a prodigiously talented composer and pianist. Any tribute package needs to take into account all the aspects of the man, including his outsize personality, if it is to be anything like a three-dimensional

portrait. Keith Smith's current touring package scores highly in Martin Litton's exquisite renditions of Fats's solo pieces, his strong striding left-hand and filigree righthand decorations vividly bringing

Footsteps of the fat man

back to life pieces such as Handful of Keys and Smashing Thirds. Umusually, instead of playing these completely unaccompanied, Litton chose to work with the subtle drumming of John Armitage. perhaps unintentionally evoking the spirit of Waller's London Suite, the highlight of Fats's 1939 visit to Britain which was cut with just piano and drums. Litton is also the heartbeat of

Fabulous Fats Stables, Wavendon

Smith's quintet, which satisfyingly recreated much of the repertoire of the Rhythm. Clarinettist Trevor Whiting, who played as a teenage prodigy in the trio of Waller's exact contemporary, pianist Art Hodes, brought just the right Creale inflec-

tions into the band. Smith's burnished lead trumpet, occasionally flurrying into the high register. evoked the timing and tone of many of Waller's own brass players, and the group's choice of tunes showed just what an accomplished and wide-ranging composer Wal-ler was, especially in the seldom-heard Prisoner of Love.

The task of trying to convey Waller's singing and outsize stage

presence fell to Chicagoan singer Marilyn Middleton-Pollock, and although physically well-qualified, the daunting nature of capturing Fats's ebullient personality made this the least successful element of the programme. Middleton-Pollock's expertise centres on the vaudeville tradition, epitomised by her BBC radio series on the subject. Waller's roots were in this same tradition, touring with a singer

called Katie Krippen back in the early 1920s, and his hundreds of recordings are steeped in the world of travelling revues. Yet somehow, Waller's real vocal warmth and humour slipped through the net.

Middleton-Pollock's enthusiasm, vigorous movement and elaborate stage costumes failed to make up for consistently poor intonation. Waller may have lampooned many of the songs he sang, but even fortified by the gin bottle, his innate sense of pitch never failed, and it was his very musicality that made his satires successful.

ALYN SHIPTON

Orders from the top brass

IF EVER there was a musician at the height of his powers, it is American saxophonist Joe Lovano. Long queues outside, and a standing-room-only crowd inside Ronnie Scott's gave some indication of the reputation he has built over the past decade, but it was the quality of the attention focused on him once he stepped on the stage - a fierce expectation. an almost palpable determination to savour every note he played - that marked the occasion as something special. Previous Lovano visits have seen him contributing his

> Joe Lovano Ronnie Scott's

cultured, smoky tenor either to

the punchy, rock-tinged jazz of guitarist John Scofield or to

the subtle interweaving im-

provisations of drummer Paul

Motian's trio alongside the flickering guitar of Bill Frisell. but for this residency he placed himself firmly in the spotlight by fronting a local rhythm section: pianist Jonathan Gee, bassist Steve Rose and drummer Winston Clif-

His choice of material, too, demonstrated his determination to leave his individual mark on the proceedings. Given that he was fronting an unfamiliar band, and that his latest album is a selection of Sinatra standards, he might have been forgiven for concentrating on the likes of Chicago and I'm a Fool to Want You all evening. In the event, he began with a tricky original. Topsy Turvy, and followed it with another, Birds of Springtimes Gone By.

was touched on with an almost reverent version of Jimmy Van Heusen's ballad, Imagination, but by then his audience was clearly mesmerised by his unique tonal qualities rather than by his set

Few saxophonists bring

such a variety of textures to their playing; Lovano will state a slow theme with an affectingly breathy, singing purity, then proceed to explore its possibilities by utilising everything from fruity warbles and bleary honks to rasping high-note keening, all unaffectedly woven into an intensely melodic improvisation. He is also supremely adaptable, bringing an appropriately quirky, dignified bluesiness to a Monk tune one minute, then swooning rapturously through Mingus's achingly beautiful Duke Ellington's Sound of Love the next.

Lovano is, in short, the compleat saxophonist, and the long, warm ovation he received at the conclusion of his set (a compliment generally restricted at this club to Betty Carter) was richly deserved.

CHRIS PARKER

Lust lost in space

STRAVINSKY'S good-humoured opera took some time to convince that it was big enough to fill the expanses of the Festival Hall, even with the audience clustered on the lower level. Barry Banks proved a tentative and relucant Rake in Act I, showing insufficient relish at the prospect of the fleshpots of London. His small, nearly produced voice was scarcely made for a house this size and oo many of the ironies of the Auden-Kallman libretto were biscured. He came into his wn during Rakewell's final belirium when, cursed with insanity, the sweeter tones of adonis take over Tom's body ind mind. But the role denands a heftier and more eguiling tenor.

His sweetheart, Anne Truove, also needs a soprano who an provide much more than he gentle tones of fidelity. stravinsky, after all, wrote the part for Schwarzkopf and brovided her with a bravura aria at the end of Act I. Joan Rodgers, now with plenty of backbone to the voice, took this piece in properly flamboyant style. At other times she was careful to keep Anne as a demure country girl, although



The Rake's Progress Festival Hall

the final lullaby to poor. crazed Tom was a bumpy ride. Around them there were plenty of confident performances, starting with William Shimell's suave Nick Shadow. who conceals all malice until the final, fatal game of chance. Robin Leggate seized on the auctioneer Sellem, a gift to any tenor with good diction and a touch of the showman. Jane Henschel's Baba was also full of zest. Susan Bickley's Mother Goose came equipped with a feather boa used to lasson Tom as he is taken off for sexual instruction.

Andrew Davis, an old hand at this work from Glyndebourne, conducted the BBC Symphony with a featherlight, lyrical touch. The soloists deserve credit for dispensing with scores and playing up to one another whenever possible. Two Festival Hall suits solemnly pinned crayoned drawings, denoting change of scene and other



Joan Rodgers Trulove

essentials such as Mother Goose's cuckoo clock and Shadow's bread machine, on boards either side of the stage. These were the work of Davis Jr. He did not get a credit in the programme, but papa gave him a curtain call and the audience gave him a big hand. perhaps without knowing why. It might not have been Hockney's Rake, but young Master Davis has a few years to go yet.

Heirs apparent

AND the Jackson Five begat 3T. This is a serious musical dynasty: the brothers Taj. Taryll and TJ are the sons of Tito Jackson, which makes them the nephews of Michael, "the king of pop". The lineage has hardly been a hindrance to their young career. Uncle Mike signed them to his record label, produced their album, sang on their hit single and has been on hand to advise on their marketing as a

black version of Boyzone. The brothers are aged between 18 and 23 and play smooth contemporary American R'n' B grooves, yet it is difficult to see what makes them special. They move well enough but are more than a few steps behind their uncle. They sing sweetly but are several vertebrae short of spine-tingling. The songs are catchy but Babyface and D'Angelo must reject better material before breakfast.

What they have in abundance is sex appeal of the kind that makes teenage girls scream. Every shake and wiggle is greeted with a fresh bout. As 3T are addicted to such movements there is a lot of screaming. There are cos-tume changes between almost JOHN HIGGINS | every song, including one on

C. DOTT **3T** Wembley Arena

stage in which the boys strip down to their boxer shorts. Several members of the youthful audience appear close to

fainting at this point.

The hit singles Why and Need You are well received but strangely the loudest screams are reserved for a pointless version of Wonderwall and an utterly bizarre Jackson Five sequence in which father Tito joins them and they don 1970s afro wigs for a greatest hits medley.

It is possible 3T will turn out to have the talent to rival more famous members of the family and TJ, the youngest brother, is the most theatrical and probably blessed with the best voice, but they have a way to go. The support act, Shola Ama, a precocious 17-year-old purveyor of black British soul from Kensal Green, swung every bit as convincingly as this brotherhood from LA.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament: JUSTIN MEISSNER

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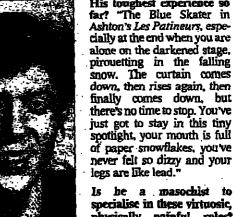
How does a Brisbane-born boy come to choose ballet instead of surfing? "It was the usual male dancer's story of starting classes because my sister used to go. But also my parents were professional ballroom dancers." He became a Great British Hope at 16 when he sent videotapes of himself to the Royal Ballet School and was accepted. While there he won the Adeline Genée gold medal; also a scholarship from the Prix de Lausanne competition. The Lausanne scholarship funded my second year at the school, which was important because my parents wouldn't have been able to afford it."

Wasn't it a bit grim in London so far from home? "I lived in a hostel, sharing a room with three other boys -not ballet students - but in fact I had a wonderful time. meeting so many people, hearing fresh ideas, broadening my outlook. I learnt I Dream.



wasn't alone. Besides, my parents had given up a lot for me to come. So I felt that I paid back their faith when the Royal Ballet company took me on in 1992."

Present repertoire: The Fakir and Bronze Idol in the current Covent Garden revival of La Bayadère. Future debuts are the Fool in Mac-Millan's Prince of the Pagodus and Puck in Ashton's The



Is he a masochist to specialise in these virtuosic, physically painful roles? "No, it's just that I've got a high jump, and fast, bouncy dance is very much my thing. Sometimes, though, I would really love to dance slowly."

So does he resent being typecast? "I love what I do, Ithough eventually I would like to finish my career with more expressive, romantic roles. But at the moment I feel very lucky. I am being paid to do a job I enjoy. How many people can say that?"

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stems from what might be called the Formula One factor: the aura of danger, of a man pushing himself beyond sensible limits, living on wits. nerves, instincts and (by all accounts) almost no sleep. All that comes through in

the way he conducts. The technique is stunning, but so highly charged that you could probably run the National Grid from a cable attached to his baton. The body is forever hunched forwards; the black eves flashing: the face stern and lined beyond his years: the left hand perpetually twitching. Strange heavybreathing noises are audible even when the orchestra is mezzo-forte. Gergiev in full flow is intensity in motion.

Yet the results are rarely

confidence in the music made this a

Schumann also insisted that his ora-

torio (1843) was "one for bright, happy

people, not for the oratory". Based on one

of the stories in Thomas Moore's Lalla

Rookh, it is undoubtedly a secular work,

but the atmosphere of the oratory is never

far away. The final chords form a tell-tale

plagal cadence, the "Amen" harmonies

favoured by church composers; and the

square choral climaxes lapse all too

readily into fugal respectability, as if

Schumann was trying to please an old

counterpoint teacher. As for the jibe at

sacred oratorios, Mendelssohn's St Paul,

written not long before, has more drama.

memorable performance.

over the top in the old Russian manner. True, his view of Beethoven's Eroica Symphony was not the last word in classical restraint. The first movement was fearsomely accented and often held back melodramatically: the funeral march viewed retrospectively. as it were, through Tchaikovsky and Mahler: the scherzo grandly sonorous; the finale elongated into bombast. But the conception was heroic, and driven with total conviction.

And what a vehicle the Rotterdam Philharmonic has become for Gergier's ideas. Its string sound is fabulously rich, as an impassioned account of Bartok's Music for Strings. Percussion and Celesta demonstrated. And its wind players are razor-sharp in anack vet meliifluously blenoed, as they showed ir. Stravinsky's Symphonies of Wind Instruments. In short, this must be the best Russian

Valery Gergiev: "the aura of danger. of a man pushing himself beyond sensible limits"

One may question some aspects of its relationship with its maestro. Inaugurating an annual ten-day "Gergiev Festival" strikes me as carrying the cult of personality too far. But you can't deny the thrill in the music-making. And what would any British orchestra or opera house give to have Gergiev at its helm? Unfortunately, probably not enough.

RICHARD MORRISON

Paradise lost and restored

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But "oratorio" is a misleading label for Schumann's work, which is unlike any other and deserves a classification all of its own. In its most attractive passages it resembles an orchestrated song-cycle: many of the best numbers have Lied-like simplicity. Schumann responded with directness to the story, which tells of how the Peri, daughter of a fallen spirit, gains readmission to Paradise by presenting at its gate the gift dearest to Heaven. She brings offerings from India and Egypt in

vain, but succeeds when she arrives from Syria with the tear of a repentant sinner. The poem's fragrant imagery is matched in limpid melodies and colourful

orchestration, and in Sunday's performance the music gained by being stripped of its old-style Romantic varnish. Here, in spite of some lapses of intonation and ensemble, the score was played with thrilling clarity by the Orchestre Révolutionnaire et Romantique. The cast of mostly word-responsive

Lieder singers was led by a radiant Barbara Bonney, whose Peri was a suffering heroine in the tradition of German Romantic opera. Bernarda Fink's glorious, even-toned mezzo was ideal as the gatekeeper Angel, and much of the narration was done with elegance by the renor Christoph Pregardien. A pity there was not more music for the bright soprano of Alexandra Coku and that the number evoking Syria's beauty was Gerald Finley's only big moment. But at least the excellent Monteverdi Choir had ample opportunity to shine.

JOHN ALLISON

MUSIC: Mesmerising Gergiev: revived Schumann; and unclassifiable Martland Don't spare the decibels

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such high amplification. In its energy is of a consumag. Blakeian sort: "Energy is earnal delight" is the poet's mean that gives a name to the pice written for this tour. Eteroi Delight, and its knife repr precision gives it a formidate drive.

Blake was also the inspirtion for Horses of Instruction: The tigers of wrath are wise than the horses of instrution"), but the piece's ferocay suggests the wildest of beast. This was the only number no conducted by Mardand a oddly, since it was the moscomplex rhythmically, though the ensemble managed it su; perbly. For much of its it: minutes. Horses is an earshattering assault, but its villence is controlled and the rhythmic compression of 🏰 final stages winches up th tension almost unbearably.

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Re-Mix is much more of rave, with a touch of klezmer while *Kick* subjected English folksong contours to some rough treatment. Beat the Retreat, commissioned for last: year's Purcell tercentenary. similarly made use of a pounding ground bass, straddled vertiginously by a flugelhorn (Lee Butier), but both here and in Principia, one felt that sheer volume was being made to fill the gap left by flagging inspiration.

Dole Stages, by a Martlani pupil, Joe Duddell, made gool use of this band's strength. Steve Reich's Nagova Marimas, though played virtuoscally by Colin Curridemonstrated all too cleary the evils of amplification.

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JOHN ELIOT GARDINER's choice of Das Paradies und die Peri as the closing work of his first Schumann Revealed weekend was striking but not surprising. He has long been a champion of Schumann's poetic oratorio, and in the Barbican's programme called it "unques-tionably one of his greatest works". The composer himself declared the piece to be "perhaps my best", and though it is hard to agree with either verdict, Gardiner's

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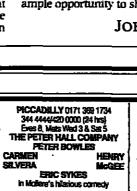
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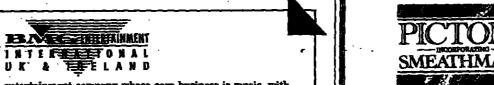
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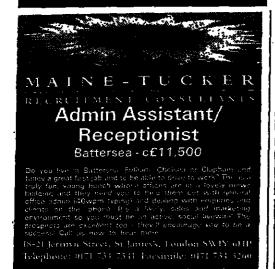
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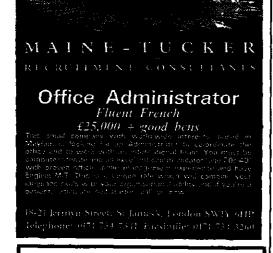
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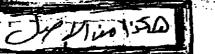
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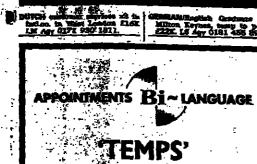
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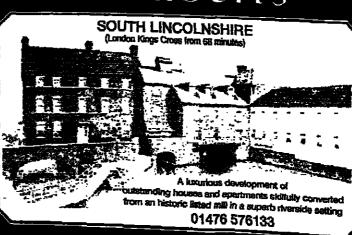
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**Eve Ann Prentice** talks to the expert who makes

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aul Syms beings the dead back to life. He knows more than most the truth of the old northern saying. where there's muck, there's brass. He is one of the world's leading experts on the redevelopment and valuation of contaminated land, those skull-and-crossbones sites poisoned by decades or even centu-

Now Dr Syms, 50, has been appointed what is believed to be Britain's first Visiting Professor of Land and Property, at Sheffield Hallam University, In a project funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, he is researching how new life can be breathed into contaminated land so it can be used

for housing.
He is also a man who has put more than money where his mouth is, by happily seeing his son live in a house on reclaimed land in Manchester while at university.

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So how does Dr Syms go about his mission to dig the dirt in places most of us would shudder to go near? And how sure can he be that Contaminated land can ever be made really safe?

"The first thing is to look at the historical situation," he says. "You need to go out and walk on site to look at the historical aspects; was it once a railway goods yard, a gas plant or whatever? Sometimes there has been more than one use and you might have to go back 200 years to the beginning of the Industrial Revolution."

After researching the area's past, Dr Syms says he can then judge which contaminants are likely to be found and where to look for "particularly nasty hot-spots". A mechanical digger is usually then sent in to "dig a hole" and the soil analysed.

Once you have that," he explains, "you can decide what needs to be done. You may treat the contamination by digging it out and treating it on site, or if it is really bad, by removing the contamination completely.

"Sometimes, even if you do all this, the residual risk perception is so great that you have to rule out residential development.

The worst case of contamination he has come across was at an old chemipal works in Greater Manchester. "It had been a plant for 80



Poisoned-land expert Dr Paul Syms and the estate of 119 homes under completion at Salford, Manchester, on the cleaned-up site of an old tram depot which had been contaminated

had been run by a very large and but it was not found until the responsible company which made its records available. But there had factory next door was sold and the new owners wanted to put in a been a practice of burying chemical suspended floor and needed access drums in the soil up to four metres to the old dye factory." deep. The contamination came to light when the factory closed. It was

Or Syms is optimistic, though, that he is winning the battle to reclaim poisoned land. A housing an impossible site. A real evesore. estate of 119 homes is nearing "At another site, an old dve completion at Salford, Manchester, works for 100 years, any waste dyes had been emptied down a drain on the site of an old tram depot. which ran into the River Mersey. Deep maintenance pits had been filled over the years with zinc and You could see the coloured dyes in cadminm from batteries, residues the river. The drain was cracked.

from waste oils, waste ashes from local industry, lead and copper," he "Two or three years after work started on reclaiming the site,

work began on the houses." No one knows how much contaminated land there is in Britain. says Dr Syms, but he believes sites which have suffered significant harm probably cover fewer than 10,000 acres. "A very large amount has been reclaimed. In terms of

£1 billion has been reclaimed that is end value."

Dr Syms's appointment reflects the growing public concern about the environment. His faculty at Sheffield has 60

members and 1,200 students and his job is sponsored by the Society for Valuers and Auctioneers.

Married with two adult sons, he is a valuer by training but has spent the past 15 years advising on how claimed. He feels his work "comes

down to a question of risk - actual and perceived risk".

Actual risks are where, for example, there is a danger that the foundations or water supply will be contaminated if a certain site is built on, or there is a possibility of atmospheric fallout from chemical

Then there are the perceived risks - when people are not happy about having their homes near a landfill site from a chemical plant."

ing." Dr Syms believes that the greatest risk in the future is from accidents. "I think the likelihood of more contaminated land being produced is unlikely." One of the phenomena of which Dr Syms has to take account is

"But the Department of the

Environment has been regularly

monitoring sites for the past 20

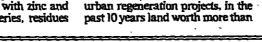
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called the Pica Syndrome, where children take up handfuls of soil and eat it. But, he adds: The chances of a child with Pica becoming seriously ill is very remote; they would have to eat massive amounts of soil to come to harm in most cases."

The cost of reviving contaminated land varies enormously, but is usually between £150,000 and £300,000 an acre. "It used to be that digging it out and carting it away was the cheapest method, but now that is very expensive because there are fewer holes in the ground where you can take it.

There are other methods which are more selective, such as using microbes which occur naturally in the ground to digest the contaminants, and organic material is very



OUT OF SERVICE: a former Methodist church has gone on the market in Peasmarsh near Rye, East Sussex, with the proviso that it must not be used for religious purposes. The building, with planning permission for conversion to a 2-3 bedroomed home, must also never be used as a dance hall, for gambling or the supply or sale of alcohol. Offers around £68,000 are being sought for the building, which also has permission for 2-3 reception rooms, bathroom, guest room with shower room, kitchen, courtyard, garage and garden. For information call Phillips &

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☐ BATTLE ROYAL: a Devon hotel which has counted Churchill and The Beatles among its guests is to be converted to luxury retirement flats after an eight-year planning dispute. The Royal Hotel in Teignmouth became a near-derelict eyesore as local pressure groups campaigned for the building to remain a hotel. Now McCarthy & Stone have won permission to turn it into 72 retirement flats which are expected to sell for £60,00 to £125,000 each. Many of the apartments will have sea views. The building is separated from the sea by a short stroll across a green called The Den. The listed building will keep its

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elegant frontage, and a grand central staircase is to be restored. For information call Freephone 0800 919132.

☐ AS THE Edinburgh Festival prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary this year, a huge apartment has gone on sale near the city's West End. The refurbished apartment has four bedrooms, one with en suite dressing room and bathroom, hall, drawing room, dining room, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and shared garden. Offers over £158,000; information from Rettie and Co, Edinburgh on 0131-220 4160.



Going for a song: Peasmarsh church

### A new service makes the search for land for an ideal home much easier

The first time Paul Mason built his own home, finding a plot of land could not have been easier. He simply sold off his existing house and moved to a site at the bottom of the garden.

Next time, things were different. For two years he scoured the estate agents and local newspapers in Bedfordshire looking for a place on which to build. He finally settled on a quarter of an acre village plot which had been used as a car park.

Three years later, he and his family live in a 2,250 sq ft house with four bedrooms. four reception rooms and a playroom over the garage. Having designed the place himself, it took three-and-ahalf months to build using the timber frame method of con-

Mr Mason says: "We found it very difficult to find small building plots. There was virtually nothing around, and it would probably be even more difficult now."

Around 20,000 people a year are estimated to commission their own homes in the UK and for many of them the toughest hurdle is the first buying a site on which to set

Associated Self Build Architects (ASBA) believe that for every person who built their own home last year, another five had their aspirations frustrated because they were unable to locate a plot.

Julian Owen, the director of ASBA, says: "It is not so much a shortage of land because green-field sites are available for much bigger housing de-velopments. It's the one-off building plots in the country which are so difficult to come by, often because local authorities are reluctant to grant planning permission."

The South East is recognised as being the most difficult area to find modest-sized building plots, but in the South West, Bob . Douglas, General Accident's land and new homes manager, says that he usually has 50 people looking for such sites at any one time. "The majority." he adds, "claim to be able to buy the land without selling their house, which makes it very

competitive." It was in response to the difficulties experienced by people looking for parcels of land that the self-build and renovation magazine Individ-



Michael and Emma Holmes on the site of their new house, located through Plotfinder

## In pursuit of the perfect plot

ual Homes decided to set up Plotfinder, a database of both building plots and renovation opportunities for sale.

Plotfinder was launched to the public at the magazine's Home Building and Renovating Show last weekend, although readers have been able to avail themselves of the service since November.

o far, there are more than 4,000 entries on the database, but the number is expected to rise considerably. Gill Dawson, who is compiling it, says that empty plots of land either for single or multiple building account for 75 per cent of those entries. Most come with planning

permission. The rest of the database is made up of houses in need of renovation, and schools, barns, stable blocks, churches. railway stations, water towers and other buildings ripe for conversion. Information, constantly updated, is gathered from estate agents, landowners, developers, surveyors. government departments and

Since November more than 2,500 people have used the service, including Michael Holmes, the editor of Individual Homes. He spent eight months ringing around estate agents before finding a halfacre site in an Oxfordshire village through Plotfinder. The former orchard overlooks open countryside and is next to a 12th-century church.

Mr Holmes and his wife Emma paid £90,000 for the site and they expect to move into a four-bedroom "Georgian" stone house in September, designed by Four Square Design, of Berkshire. There will be flagstones

throughout the ground floor, reclaimed floorboards elsewhere, underground heating and sash windows. Cost of building the home should be between £100,000 and £110,000. By the time it is finished, he reckons the property will be worth about £330,000. The average cost of building your own home is £40 to £50 a sq ft.

People who want to use the Plotfinder service must ring a hotline and state which counties they would like details about. There is a subscription service — three months costing [9.99 with four mailings, and six months costing £16.99 with eight mailings. Prices vary

greatly. Plotfinder has advertised a site at Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, with consent for a detached house for more than £200,000 and one with permission for a three-bedroom detached house at Manea, Cambridge shire for £6.500.

There has been an ex-RAF transmitting station in Yorkshire set in two acres for £80,000 and a part-stone building available for conversion to a one-bedroom cottage in Hereford & Worcester for £10,000.

Eight serviced plots at Wigmore in the same county were put onto the database this month for £55,000 each by a company called Homelands of England. The firm was specifically set up last year to acquire small development sites, put in services, and then sell individual plots to those who wish to build or commis-

sion houses themselves. David Rose, the marketing director, says that Homelands is the only company in the UK to deliver this service. More sites in Sussex, Kent, Bedfordshire and Suffolk are being

"We and our private-investor backers envisage a market of huge potential." he says. "Every plot we bring to market we know we will sell."

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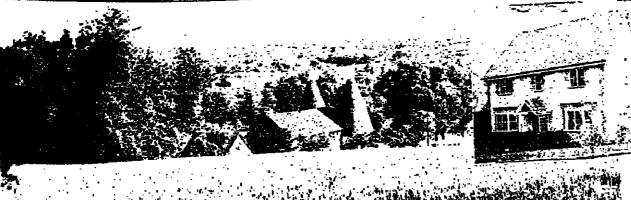


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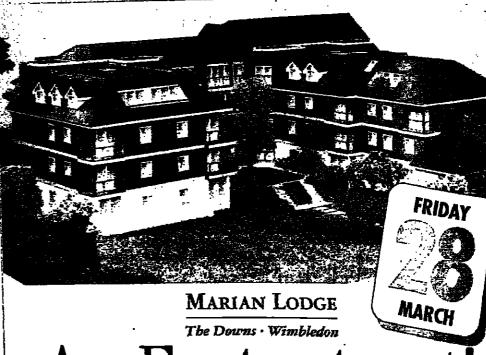
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## Draw leaves British party feeling low

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THE post position draw for ten furiong races is often of no consequence but the fates yesterday conspired against Britain's five-strong challenge for the Emirates Dubai World Cup here on Saturday.

Already stacked against the quintet is the dirt surface over which none except Bijou D'Inde has ever competed and his recent effort was but a pale shadow of the horse who After yesterday's draw ceremony, attended by Prince Edward, the effect of the alien

Suny Bay, a leading Grand National contender, will be partnered by Jamie Osborne rather than Graham Bradley, who rides most of Charlie Brooks's horses (Richard Evans writes). Brooks said yesterday: "It was a difficult decision, but Jamie rode him when he won at Haydock."

surface will be compounded by the kickback they are destined to experience in the scramble for a share of \$4 million.

The five are sandwiched between stalls one and seven. effectively locked against the inside rail. Siphon and Key Of Luck, a pair of front-running bullies, are certain to kick sand into British faces from stalls 12 and 13 respectively. A swift break will be essential to minimise the dry and

forboding taste of the desert. Collectively, Even Top (stall one), Singspiel (two), Bijou D'Inde (five), Flemensfirth (six) and Luso (seven) comprise as talented a team to have carried the torch abroad. But when Siphon, one of three

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.25 FAME AGAIN.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:

DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

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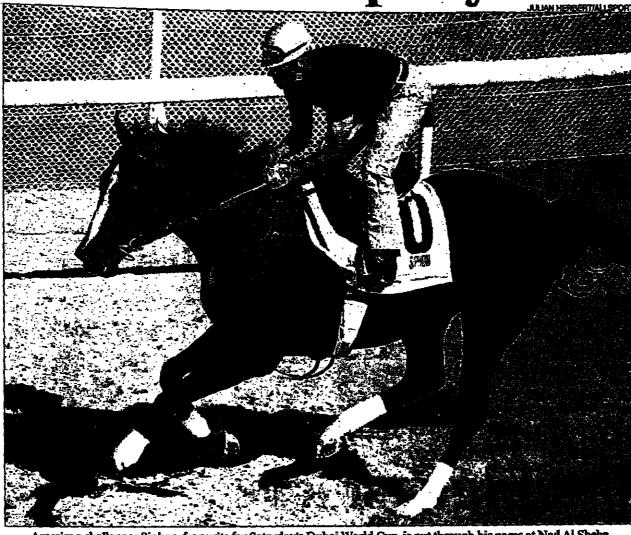
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JOCKEYS: F Lynch, 4 winners from 15 cities, 25 O'R; J Egan, 3 inon 13, 23.1%; K Darley, 25 inon 131, 19 8%; J Carrol, 25 from 149, 16.8%; J Forline, 13 from 96, 13.5%, 6 Carter, 6 from 45, 13.5%, P J Fessey, 4 from 32, 12.5%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ascot 2.30 Who is Equiname.

2.50 FORCETT PARK SELLING STAKES

5.05 Little Acom.



American challenger Siphon, favourite for Saturday's Dubai World Cup, is put through his paces at Nad Al Sheba

American entrants, and Key Of Luck, representing Dubai, leave the stalls, they are ex-pected to make straight for the inside rail and establish themselves at the front.

The ramifications of any bunching will invaraibly be felt on the inner, where any horse gasping for air will instead ingest a mouthful of

dirt. The only viable option involves retreating to the rear early on, but that would necessitate horses circling the field at the finish. This race has attracted 13 horses with the highest average rating ever assembled. Conceding precious ground at the start is

trains Even Top, the mount of Richard Hills, acknowledged the point. "There is a lot of speed on the outside," Tompkins said. "Since he arrived here two months ago my horse has done all his work behind a lead to prepare him for the kickback. He has worked well on a number of different surfaces but we certainly

ASCOT

BBC2

2.30: Exterior Profiles is not

the most proficient jumper

but he put in a better round

when third to Garnwin at

Warwick 25 days ago. That

represents the best chasing

form on show here. The

slower pace over today's long-

er trip should help his cause.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ROSENCRANTZ

(3.35 Ascot)

Next best: Garawin

(3.05 Ascot)

Jultara, 15 lengths second to

Go Ballistic in this race last

year, has produced two rea-

sonable efforts this term and

is sure to be staying on. He

would ideally prefer easier

ground. Who is Equiname is

not out of it judged on placed efforts behind Bell Staffboy

and Master Toby, but has not

raced before on ground this

could have done with a better

Hills, who has enjoyed a successful winter riding in Dubai, also recognised the handicap of the inside berth. "Even Top is going to feel the sand in his face straight away. This is a big track with plenty of room to manoeuvre; but ideally we could have done

Garnwin can extend sequence

ten." Helissio, majestic winner of the Prex de l'Arc de Triomphe in October and the sole French raider, has been similarly compromised in stall

If the draw has frowned on British interests, Richard Mandella, the Californiabased trainer, was entitled to a wry smile. Mandeila has two prime candidates in Siphon. the 5-2 favourite, and Sandpit. second best in the betting at 7-2, yet he was not inclined to trumpet his chances. It was Mandella who, with Soul Of The Matter, all but lowered Cigar's colours in the inaugu-

Toby Balding, the Weyhill trainer, was successful in his appeal yesterday against a £1,000 fine for the running of Polden Pride under the nontriers' rule at Exeter last week. A 30-day ban on the horse was quashed, but Barry Fenton, Polden Pride's jockey, will have to serve a six-day ban.

ral Dubai World Cup running 12 months ago. The memories have clearly lingered with this most affable individual. Mandella said after the

draw: "Watching the replay of last year's race got my stomach up for this one. The World Cup has its own mystique, with all these horses from the corners of the earth. I believe it is properly named because there are dangers everywhere I look, I cannot split my two horses but what I do know is that two bullets are always

better than one." Britain's trainers may have five bullets but after yester-day's draw the suspicion is they will all be staring down the empty chamber on Satur

sequently, but the seven-year-

old is not certain to appreciate

the step back in trip.

Garawin has taken to

fences and jumped impres-

3.35: If Mister RM is none the

worse for his fall at Chelten-

ham last time, he must go

close. The five-year-old was

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Supreme Novices when fall-

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4.10 Tribune

4.45 Quiet Confidence 5.15 Spirft Of Steel

Carl Evens: 4,45 Quiet Confidence.

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GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

2.00 The Flying Phantom

3.05 GARNWIN (nap)

2.30 Major Nova

2.00 CITY INDEX SPREAD BETTING MOVICES HURDLE

(£3,745: 2m 4f) (10 runners) 15 THE PLYMES PHANTOM 15 (S) IP Bytes (Holdings) Ltdl M Tomphres 6-11-7 R Gonet 94
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2.30 FAIRVIEW NEW HOMES NOVICES CHASE BBC2 (£10,892: 3m 110yd) (8 runners) | PRODUCT | ALL | TO DUCK | ALL | TO | All BESTIMO: 8-4 Educino Profiles, 7-2 Who is Equiname, 5-1 Julianz, 6-1 Promocios, 8-1 Major Mona, 12-1 Giencline 25-1 colors.

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3.05 DARY TELEGRAPH HOVICES CHASE (Handicap: £14,070: 2m 3t 110yd) (5 runners) SP113 BREPBACK 22 (D.F.G.S.) (L. Inseph) P Hobbs 6-11-10. R. Durwoody 0/19-432 WR.DE MUSIC 125 (F) (A Brodin) C Broder 7-19-13. D. Gallegine 362/5LF1 MASTER TORY 20 (E) Research Western-Dwiss 7-10-12. C. Devellyn 4-83111 BARROWN 25 (F.G.) (Prover Heal-Treatment) N Handleston 7-10-10. M. A Fizigerald FUZ212 FRAZER SLAND 20 (BF.S.) (Dr & Alexanden ) R Rose 8-10-8. D. O'Soffwan

BETTING: 9-4 Greenbuck, 5-2 Magter Toby, 3-1 Gurman, 5-1 Wilde Mosic, 5-1 Fazer Introd 1996: SOUTHAMFTON 6-10-8 A P McCoy (11-2) G Baking 6 sen

FORM FOCUS GREENBACK 18t 3rd of 5 to Land Alar in Grade II Prendil Morices' Chase at Kempton (2n. 4l 100yd, good), WB.DE MUSIC 11f 2nd of 4 to Madigan in nevice chase at Kempton (2n. good to soll). MAS-TER TURY heat Lively Knight 11 in 13-numer nov-los chase at Leicester (3m. good). GAPHAMPA, completed trable, best Whirty 1941 in 9-runner novocas' fundicap chase at Warnick (2m 4f 170pd, good) FRAZEN (SUME) 211 2nd of 10 fo Full (H Bounce in novice chase at Wincanton (2m 51, good).

3.35 CITY INDEX SPREAD BETTING HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,856; 2m 110yd) (7 runners) 

BETTREE: 7-4 Misser Rm., 7-2 Ground Nat., 5-1 Fourth in Line, 7-1 Chickenstelle, 6-1 Non Virlage, Keep Me & Miss. 10-1 Resentement. 1006: A VIIIG INSTRUCTOR 5-11-1 R Balbary (7-2) P Webber 9 on

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4.10 ALPINE MEADOW HAMDICAP HURDLE (£4,925: 3m) (7 numbers) 

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4.45 MAHONIA HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,762: 2m 3f 110yd) (9 numers)

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FORM FOCUS

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5.15 FAIRVIEW NEW HOMES STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

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3.55 TOYTOP MAIDEN STAKES (£3,431: 5f 212yd) (9)

4.30 YARM HANDICAP (£3,743: 1m 5i 175yd) (13) 

9-2 Royal Expression, 5-1 Dirab, 6-1 Mister Aspecto, Field Of Vision, 7-1 Damong Careler, 8-1 Welsh Mild, 10-1 Karlsma, 12-1 others

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### A PERSONAL PROMISES TERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

### Newcastle

THE VY COURT OF THE PROPERTY O Hollenshead as OLDE 24.20. CSF: 09.02.
9.10 (im 2 32yd) 1. DOM/HNO FLYER (J. Supple, 14-1); Z. Sing And Dance (J. Quarin, 14-1); Z. Sing And Dance (J. Quarin, 14-1); A. Suga Hassik (K. Falon, 10-1) ALSO RAN-1 tay Chadlegh (J. Sing And Dance), J. Sing Fan, Newtondge Boy, Roussi, 12 Ring Fan, Newtondge Boy, Roussi, 12 Ring Fan, Sherry, 14 Gildon, 16 Picard, Tanhari, 20 Spanish Verdict, 25 Fetcheldriak, Nobby Bames, Wholey Grange Boy (Gh), 35 Standoln (Sh), 18 ran, 14, 355, 14, 114, nt. Las A Swinbonk at Richmond, John 529-10, 100 year (pool of E2,181,47 camed inneed to 4,55 at Folkestons today), CSF: 175.82, 1 focast: 25,772.2.

3.40 (65) 1. WITHOUT FRIENDS (S. 2175.E2 Tricast: \$2,572.52.
3.40 (6f) 1, WTHOUT FRIENDS (S Whitworth, 7-4 feet; 2, Skyers Flyer IJ Grands, 7-2; 3, Prominent (J Fortune, 9-2; ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ejeer (6ft), 11-2 Chilling, 10 Move The Clouds (4ft), 16 Interaction, 26 Bellenule, 33 Cossby Nod (6th) 9 ren. Sh hd, 114; sh hd, 154, 54. W Storey at Consett. Tote: £2.30, £1.20, £1.40, £1.70 DF: £4.70. This: \$17.30, CSF; \$9.20.

4,15 (1m) 1. MAFTOOL (L'Deltor, 2-5 lev., Richterd Evens's nap and Our Newmarket Consepondent's nap); 2. Terdad (D Hamson, 5-1); 3. Indigo Dawn (D McKeown, 8-1). ALSO RAN 9 Noine (4th). RACELINE CATTERICK 102 202 FULL RESULTS SERVICE 168

12 Golden Thunderbott (Sth), 100 Born On The Wild, Persian Surael (Bith), 7 ran %1, 21, 2161, 31%1, 51. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tota \$1,30; \$1.20, \$1,70, DF: \$2.50 CSF \$2.59

284, 314, 51, Josselm at Neumarket, Tote 21.30, 21.20, 21.70, DF: 22.60 CSF 22.99
4.50 (55) 1, AMROON (N Cartiste, 10-1); 2, Kaler (A Culhane, 7-1); 3, Surprise Mission (J Fortune, 3-1 lav) ALSO RAN 7
Able Sheel, 9 Blessingindisquise, 10
Captain Carel (47th), Sweet Magic, 12
Cross The Border, Express Girl, 14
Stephensons Roctor (8th), 16 Insider Tradar, Present N Cornect (5th), 20 Grand Chapeau, Magic Lale, 14 ran, 314, 35 hd, 131, 14, 13, J Bary at Cockertam, Toter 210.60; 23.20, 22.50, 22.10, DF: £18.70
Into: £85.40. CSF: £77.62. Tradat: 251.23, 5.20 (2m 19yd) 1, KINOKO (J Bramhit, 33-1); 2, La Brief (G Bardwell, 7-1), 3, All On (N kernedy, 6-1); 4, Road Racer (J Fortune, 5-2 lav) ALSO RAN 6 Shahan, 11 Lostris, Turgenen, 12 Opaque, Royal Chizen, 20 Captain Marmalade, Elire Bless (6th), Hard Love, Romalito (5th), 25 Double (18), 14, 16, 13th, 6t K Hogg on Isle CM Mart Tote; £55 30; £8.80, £2.10, £1.70, £1.30
DF: £170.50 Tito £484.40 (part won Pool of £564.11 carried forward to 4.55 at Folkestone today).

Jackpot: not won (pool of £8,359.71 carried toward to Folkestone today).
Placepot £47.00. Quadpot £4.40. Sandown Park

Going: good to fam 2.15 (2m ch) 1, JUST BRUCE (D Gallagher, 20-1), 2, Mister Drum (W Marston 13-8), 3, Plying Instructor (R Bellamy, 4-7 13-8), 3 ran 1 lai, 11 Mrs. E. Heath Tole

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9.55 (3m 110)yd chi 1, DENIVER BAY (L Acpeti, 7-4 (t-tav), 2, Credon (R Dunwoody, 2-f) ALSO RAN 7-4 (t-tav Heartstown Lab) (ur) 3 ran 194, 1 Gilford at Findon Tota £2.40 DF £2.10 CSF

E4 65
4.30 (2m ch) 1 RED BEAN (R Johnson, 5-2), 2 The Cerrot Man (P Hote, 40-11 lay), 3 Count Barrachols (D Gallagher, 16-11) ALSO RAN-4 Norse Raider (4th), 66 Young Allie (5th) 5 ran 1 W. 241, 71, 211, K Vincent at Register 5 rote (23.10, 21.20 DF 52.10 CSF 54.81 £1 20 DF £2 10 CSF £4 81 5.00 (2m 41 110)(d ch) 1. ELECTRIC COMMITTEE (Mr A Wood, 9-1), 2. Greet Policy (Miss N Courteries, 20-1), 3. Driving Force (Mr A Charles-Jones, 7-2), 4LSO RAN 7-4 Lav True Steet (4th), 11-4 Gatag (pu), 9 The Mill Height (pu) 6 ran 31, 16, 91 A Wood at Sandtrat, Tote £11 70, £4 90, £2 90 DF £45 10 CSF £103 307 Placepot: £4,818 20. Quadpot: £92 10.

Southwell Going, good

2.25 (3m 110yd chi 1, Father Sky (J Osborne, 4.5 tav), 2, Zembez Speit (5-2) Only two Imished 3 ran Dist D Sherwood Tote £1.30 DF £2.30 CSF. 3.00 (2m ch) 1. Chorus Line (R Supple, 3-1) 2. Tenayesielign (7-1) 3. Sanlaray (s. 1) Girme 2-1 lav (ur) 9 cart. 25( %) P. Beaumord 1016 £3.90 £1 (0. £2.30, £3.10 OF £8.00 Teo £20.20 CSF: £22.39

3 90 (2m 4t 110yd ch) 1, Counterbalance (5 McNeil, 11-2); 2 Curragh Peter (25-1), 3 8a Ol A Touch (4-1) Blazer Morniere 7-2 tay 8 ran 28, 111 J McConnochie Toto 56 70 C1 60, 67 80 51 20 DF (71 0) CSF (26 44 Tricast 2556 78 4 05 (2m 4) 110yd hdiet ( Peace Lord (J F Triev 4-9 Lov) 2 Stous To Speak (11-2), 3 Procest (3-1) 8 Lord 77 21 Mrs D Hame Tote 5 140, 51 No. 51 40, 52 70 DF 52 30 CSF 53 12 4.40 (3m 110yd holio: 1 Persian Bitle (J. Khome, 9-4) 2 Ryder Cup (9-4), 3, Jet Boys (13-8 tay) 4 (an 12), 14( C Egerton, Tote £2.70 DF £2.50 CSF £7.01

5 10 (2m Ital) 1 Mayday Lauren (2 Wyme, 9-4; 2 Mry Leader (13-8 lav), 3 Bullynacool (13-2) 8 fan 9, 211 A Balley Tote C3 70 C1 10, C1 40, C3 30 DF C3 80 CSF £6 70 Placepot 127 80 Quadpot: £10.30.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) 1)-4 Listle Action, 3-1 Amico, 7-2 Love Me Do, 6-1 Heart Gardener, 7-1 others. 2.10 HEADCORN MALDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0 fillies: £2,277: 5f) (11 numers)

2.40 ROCHESTER HANDICAP (\$3,122: 50) (12)

5-1 Malder Mart. 6-1 Koen Waters, College Night, Suite Factors. 7-1 Dande Fiyer, Superior 8-1 Barratat, VII-1 others. 3,15 SHORNECLIFFE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,277: 6f) (11)

11-4 John Emms, 7-2 Lamente, 4-1 Wee Dram, 8-1 Means Boy, 19-1 Balsome, Moon Sorg, June, 12-1 others. COURSE SPECIALISTS

### sively when completing a treble at Warwick 25 days ago. His previous win over Flight Lieutenant has worked out solidly and he is weighted to complete a four-timer.

Major Nova improved on previous chasing form when a half-length second to Him Of Praise in a novice chase at Towoester earlier this month.

TODAY'S RACES

ON TELEVISION

3.05: Greenback is the form choice on his victory against Mister Drum at Kempton on Boxing Day and third to Land Afar over the same track. However, he is not built to carry big weights and may be worth opposing against some progressive rivals. The form of Master Toby's win at Leicester on his seasonal reappearance was boosted when the runner-up won sub-

ously run Sammartino to two lengths at Kempton. However, in a race where

there should be plenty of pace it could be worth taking a risk with Rosencrantz who has conditions in his favour. Best on fast ground in a truly run race over two miles, he en-countered heavy ground last time, having previously been beaten over an extended 212 miles. He should go well here at attractive odds.

RICHARD EVANS

### 3.45 ALDINGTON MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,277: 6f 189yd) (14)

9-4 Sharp Temper, 5-1 Helet, 6-1 Mestaphece, 7-1 Nevous Res, 8-1 Sharpo Wazal, Batha la Ugial, 12-1 Eustara Engle, 14-1 olbers.

4.20 ALKHAM HANDICAP (£3,226: 1m 1f 149yd) (15)

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4.55 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,304: 6f 189yd) (16)

4-1 Employed, 5-1 Royal Contino, 8-1 Oberoons Boy, Clionard Zeal, 10-1 Victory Tours, Spheroys, 12-1 others

5,25 KINGSNORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,940: 1m 4f) (6)

2-1 Lug Beforem, 5-2 Tasks Chini, 3-1 Classes Myslery, 5-1 Olfrer, 18-1 Heisthan Dancer, 20-1 Wagner King

## THUNDERER

quick.

2.10 Lisa's Pride. 2.40 Malibu Man. 3.15 John Emms. 3.45 Sharp Temper. 4.20 Captain's Day. 4.55 Victory Team. 5.25 Classic Mystery. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 JOHN EMMS (nap). 4.20 Captain's Day.

FOLKESTONE

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F-8F, LOW BEST

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TRAMERS: S C Williams, 7 winess from 20 rannes, 35.0%, C Horgas, 6 from 20, 30.0%; D Arbertons, 6 from 22, 27.3%; Lady Hernes, 5 from 19, 26.3%; J Payes, 5 from 20, 25.0%; B Milliams, 6 from 28, 21.4%. JOCKEYS: M Huls, 6 wisners from 22 rides, 27 9%; Pat Eddery, 8 from 30, 26 7%. M Armyan, 7 from 29, 24.1%. Paul Eddery, 15 from 89, 19 3%. J Stack, 3 from 18, 18.8%, Dane D'Neall, 11 from 59, 18.6%.

## Time to cry foul on an irregular practice

don't think I will bother to write this column today. Not in the mood, bit weary after all that skating in Switzerland, don't want to let myself down with a piece that's not up to standard.

But, as you see, I am writing it anyway. Partly this is the everpresent desire to pay the mortgage. But the important fact here is not that writing is what I do: a writer is what I am. So here I am, writing.

The late Geoffrey Green, former football correspondent of this parish, had an aphorism for the guidance of all journalists. "If you can't write a good piece," he would say, "write a

He did not mean that second-rate pieces were acceptable. He meant that a writer's minimum obligation is to write. You always write, you always get it there in time and you always provide enough copy. The

variable in the equation is quality.

Now, let us zip-pan to the Tewin Irregulars in their palmiest of days. And the nightmare of Saturday nights, when every telephone call brings a fresh disaster. The Fish can't play, he'd forgotten he'd promised to go to the seaside. Steady Eddy is through to the golf final and he's very sorry. Well, do you know if Giles is

A MOMENT of Corinthian

spirit on the moneyed sportsfields of Great Britain is

like a pearl on a beach of

stones. Every one should be

On Monday night and yes-terday, Robbie Fowler, the

Liverpool forward, was lau-

ded far and wide for his apparent attempt to dissuade Gerald Ashby, the referee,

from granting him a penalty in the heat of the FA Carling Premiership match against Arsenal at Highbury.

TOP FOUR

MANCHESTER UNITED: Apr 5: v Derby (ht Apr 12: v Blackburn (a) Apr 19: v Lwerpool (a) May 3: v Lecester (a) May 6:

examined and cherished.

And so the ring-round begins. Never mind, Jason, just thought 1'd ask, send Emma my love. Hello Dan! Yes, it has been a long time hasn't it. How's Jane? Oh dear. I am sorry to hear that. But since you're a bachelor again, you may fancy a game of cricket tomorrow . . .

By nine in the evening, shame is long gone. Well, not all shame. There is one phone call I don't make. Nicky, I'm awfully sorry but we're crying off, we simply can't get a team out. Never! I might ring Nicky to ask if he has a few players he could lend me. I might ask if we can agree the toss now and bat first, hoping the rump of the side will arrive before 4pm. But the one thing you do not do is cancel.

I have played against and alongside all kinds of last-second picks: a coach driver (who receved an inadvertent first-ball beamer); Rachael Heyhoe Flint's double (who received a not totally inadvertent snorter into the groin first ball); various groundsmen, passers-by, drinkers, small boys. The results were sometimes humiliating. But we always played. What, weasel out of the

fixture? That would not be cricket. Now what I am writing about, of course, is Middlesbrough Football Club. Middlesbrough really did say. I'm not writing my column today, I'm SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

not in the mood. They actually did phone Nicky and tell him that the entire game was off.

Or to be pedantic, on December 21 they failed to produce a team to play Blackburn Rovers, claiming that they had 23 of their 40 players unavailable because of injury and illness. For this, they were docked three points by the FA Premier League and fined E50,000. As a point of interest, Middlesbrough next played on Boxing Day, and, refreshed after their

Football's integrity bolstered by sporting gesture at Highbury

Fowler praised from highest level

rest, defeated a weary Everton for their first win in 13 league matches. Today Middlesbrough make their

appeal against this loss of three points, every one of which they need as they struggle against relegation. They have spent a good deal of money hiring the most costly legal help in order to show that they are more to be pitied than blamed

The counter-argument will be that Middlesbrough have obligations, as a professional football club, and must fulfil them. But minimal professional standards, on the Geoffrey Green Principle, are only half the story.

Agreeing to play sport at all is an obligation. Obviously a professional outfit has obligations to paying supporters, but any sporting organisation has obligations to its opponents: that day and throughout the duration of any competition it has agreed to enter Missing a fixture is not like closing

the shop because of staff sickness. It is more like a gambling debt. If you bet with a friend and lose, you will be quicker to pay him than you are the milkman. The milkman's debt is a matter of obligation, the gambling loss is a debt of honour.

And Middlesbrough welshed on the footballer's debt of honour. They not only did something that the most

the Riverside Stadium would not do. they did something that even the Tewin Irregulars would find unacceptable. And that is stooping pretty

Now I have nothing against Middiesbrough. The bravery of their strategy — bringing in the best players in the world, paying them 2 mint and seeing if they could inspire the journeymen around them - is worth cheering, even if the flaws have

ut it is a law of sport at every Blevel: you honour your fix-tures. Middlesbrough would have had the admiration and sympathy of the world if they had lined up against Blackburn with the groundsman, the snottiest apprentice, two little lads and the tea lady.

But they refused to play and it will be an absurdity if the points are restored. If I were running the appeal. I would dock them an extra three points on top for wasting the nation's time. Oh, and if Middlesbrough fancy a Sunday afternoon cricket match next season, don't ring the Tewin Irregulars. We have our standards, perhaps not of sporting excellence, but certainly of what constitutes sporting behaviour.

## Bristol City rule out big-name appointment

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

sights realistically low as they search for a manager to replace Joe Jordan, who left the dub by mutual consent on Monday night. It is unlikely that Kevin Keegan or Ray Wilkins, both available for a return to management, will be considered by the Nationwide League second division club.

Instead, City are focusing their efforts on the lower reaches of the League structure. "We can't afford one of the big names," Scott Davidson, the City chairman, said yesterday. "I've heard Ray Wilkins has already been mentioned but we're not looking for a player-manager,

"We need someone who has been successful in the lower divisions. We want him to concentrate on coaching while the board of directors will look after transfers and the finan-

cial side of things."

Jordan, 45, had been in charge for 28 months — his second stint at Ashton Gate but, after six defeats in eight matches. City had slipped away from the play-off zone. Davidson felt that it was time for change.

"If the new man could get us promotion, that would be a bonus," he said. "What we're really looking towards is next

City have already received a number of inquiries about the vacancy. When Davidson returns tomorrow from a business trip to Dublin, the applications will be sifted through. "It would be nice to make an appointment before the weekend but it will more probably be next week," he

John Ward, the former assistant manager at Aston Villa, would be a popular choice, ven though he managed Bristol Rovers - City's bitter rivals - for three seasons until he was dismissed in May last vear. "I'll sit down and think about it in due course," Ward said yesterday. "Everybody knows I want to get back into

BRISTOL CITY have set their assistant, took charge for the second division match away to Crewe Alexandra last night but is unlikely to be offered the job permanently. More suitable candidates include Mel Machin, of Bournemouth, David Webb, the unsettled Brentford manager, Sammy McIlroy. of Macclesfield Town, and John Rudge, the Port Vale manager.

City's decisive board meeting lasted most of Monday. with Jordan eventually called in during the evening to hear

Whoever succeeds him will inherit the problem of 16 players whose contracts need renewing during the summer. The club also has a suspended two-point deduction hanging over it, until the end of the year, after the City-Rovers derby at Ashton Gate in December was marred by crowd disturbances.

David Eileray, of England, will be referee for the first leg of the Uefa Cup semi-final between Tenerifé and Schalke 04 on April 8. His appointment was confirmed yesterday by Uefa, the European governing body, which also revealed that Nikolai Levnikov, of Russia, will take charge of the away leg of Manchester United's European Cup semifinal against Borussia Dortmund on April 9. Urs Meier. second leg at Old Trafford two

weeks later. Hellmut Krug, of Germany, has been appointed referee for the first leg of Liverpool's Cup Winners' Cup semi-final away Paris Saint-Germain on April 10. Rune Pedersen, of Norway, will be responsible for the Anfield return on April

Nigel Quashie, the Queens Park Rangers midfield player. has signed a five-year contract. Quashie has recently returned to reserve team action, having being out for almost a year after a bout of glandular fever.

Karl Ready, the Wales international defender, has also committed himself to QPR for



Ashby points to the spot unmoved by the protests of Fowler, right, and Seaman against his decision to award Liverpool a penalty at Highbury

Your reaction in the penalty incident, in which you visibly tried to persuade the referee from awarding a penalty in your favour, did you great honour." Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of Fifa the world governing body of football, wrote in an open letter from Zurich to Fowler. faxed to the Liverpool Echo yesterday. At a time when there is a disturbing trend towards cheating, your example in such an important match helps to maintain the

integrity of the game." In addition, Fowler, who had gone to ground at the England training camp at Bisham Abbey, was praised by Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, who said: "I know Robbie has a reputation for being a scallywag, but nobody can fault him here. He showed his concern that David Seaman, a fellow professional, might be sent off. The pitch is always the best stage for players to show what

they are made of." Ashby remained silent after. issuing the simple statement: "I didn't hear what Fowler said."

Clearly, courtesy of the television camera lens. Fowler was pleading with the referee for something. Seaman recalled that Fowler, as he got to his feet, was insisting that the goalkeeper had not touched him. Others, including Lee Dixon, the Arsenal defender, suggested that Fowler had mouthed "no penalty!". Others interpreted his instinctive first reaction as trying to ensure that, because there was no detectable contact, he himself would not receive a vellow card for alleged "diving".

Given the rarity of the matter, given that the actions of sporting idols of Fowler's - 22 - can influence the behaviour of youngsters, perhaps it behoves everybody to think the purest thoughts and

to congratulate him. Indeed, Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, did so at once. "It was a big fair play from Fowler," he said. "I have never seen a player do that. though I have many times seen the opposite. I compare it to Bjorn Borg, when he was 17 and about to win the French

Open for the first time . . . and on match point he said 'no, the ball was in'.'

As rare, as welcoming, as valuable as the gesture was, Seaman brought smiles among the media afterwards. Asked what more Fowler could have done, he responded: "He could have kicked the penalty wide."

In the event, Fowler's some what tame and telegraphed kick was saved by Seaman, but Jason McAteer, predatory in the extreme and not afflicted by implication in the buildup, stroked the rebounding hall into the net for a goal that could be influential in the championship.

So, in little more than a month, the course of the FA

Cup and the Premiership could have turned on penalties that Sky Television technology shows ought never to have

been given. The winning goal for Chel-sea in the FA Cup fifth-round tie against Leicester City at Stamford Bridge came from a penalty that looked obviously unfair. Liverpool's winner at Highbury came after a penalty when the action deceived the naked eve.

With 20 or more cameras at a match, BSkyB can and does dissect every decision attempted by the arbiter, but that must not be allowed to persuade the authorities in sport to weaken a referee's rule, or to interrupt the rhythm of a game by acquiescing to the

siren call for television replays to be used as on-the-spot judgments.

There are cheats who would soon find ways to use such interruptions to destroy the trust on which football depends.

☐ Wenger's memory is nice, but not perfect. It was Mats Wilander, a fellow Swede of Borg, who in 1982 won the French Open tennis title when he was 17. in his semi-final against Jose-Luis Clerc, standing at match point, Jean Gignot and Jacques Dorfmann, the linesman and umpire, ruled out a forehand from Clerc. That's not the way I want to win the point," Wilander insisted. The ball

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## Europeans must cut demands

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

REPRESENTATIVES of the five nations have the opportunity in Dublin today to make far-reaching decisions over the tructure of European club rugby, but only if they can see concessions over the undue demands now being made on

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the game's leading players. The reconstituted board of the European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC) will assemble in constructive mood and progress should prevail, though it will do so only if it is acknowledged that there must be selfregulation on international fixtures as well as in a European and domestic context.

"We are seeing very clearly this month and next month that there are too many matches. Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive, said yesterday. Wheeler and Bill Beaumont, who will represent English interests, recognise that the players must be given some break from the ad hoc regime that professional rugby has imposed.

"I don't think it does any good for one section to point the finger at the other two international, European or domestic - and suggest there are too many matches," Wheeler said. "All three sections have to agree on a sensible policy which will reduce playing commitments.

Indeed, Michel Palmie, one of France's representatives. will take to Dublin proposals for European fixtures to take place every third week during the first half of the season. though the French also seek the expansion of the European Conference, the second-tier competition, to include teams from Spain, Holland and Germany.

The block-booking of Nov-ember for international fixtures represents a huge hole in the club season, but England have an additional reason for seeking to stagger the European competition because there will be a new sponsor for the first and second divisions. The company taking over

from the Courage brewing firm is likely to be known next

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month, but will dearly seek an impressive start to the season rather than a fortnight of games before a long break for

More pointedly, all the ERC directors will hope to receive details of the recent five-year broadcasting agreement with satellite television so that club budgets can be drawn up.

Ironically, Brive, the Heineken Cup-holders, have hinted at attempts to reverse the trend of French players signing for British clubs. They have been in touch with Nigel Walker, the Cardiff and Wales wing, though Walker has told them that he still has a year of his existing contract to run.

Brive are also considering whether to play Christophe Lamaison this weekend, despite his 30-day suspension for foul play in the France game with Scotland earlier this month. They perceive the ban as restraint of trade and have asked the French federation

for a ruling. Chris Sheasby, back from the World Cup sevens in Hong Kong, can help Wasps to go six points clear at the top of the Courage Clubs Championship tonight. Sheasby plays at No 8 in the XV that will meet London Irish at Loftus Road, but Simon Geoghegan must be satisfied with a place among the Bath replacements when they play away to West Hartlepool tomorrow.

Geoghegan, a long shot for

selection next week by the British Isles, has played only one league match this season before operations on his toes. ☐ Steve Lander, who officiatin the controversial Pilkington Cup final between Bath and Leicester last May, will referee the semi-final between Gloucester and Leicester at Kingsholm on Saturday. Neil Back, the Leicester flanker, earned a suspension when he pushed Lander after the final whistle last May and, should Back be selected, it will be the first occasion on which he and Lander have taken the field



Vettori, of New Zealand, is bowled by De Silva, of Sri Lanka, in the one-day international in Christchurch yesterday. Sri Lanka won by six wickets after the first game was rained off. Scoreboard, page 48

### SAILING

### Golding maintains lead despite damage

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

DESPITE a knock-down last week that caused considerable damage but no injuries, Mike Golding's disciplined crew on Group 4 is continuing to lead the storm-battered BT Global Challenge fleet as the yachts grind their way past the Kerguelen Islands in the Southern Ocean.

Yesterday Group 4 held a slender lead over Chris Tibbs, on Concert, whose performance on this fourth leg of the race, taking the crews from Sydney to Cape Town, underlined how strongly he would have been in contention for overall honours had Concert not been dismasted during the second leg.
Tibbs is just 20 miles ahead

of Merfyn Owen, on Global Teamwork, in third position, with the two yachts in second and third places overall. Toshiba Wave Warrior, skippered by Simon Walker, and Save The Children (Andy Hindley) are in a close-fought

contest for fourth and fifth places respectively. The fleet is continuing to fight unrelenting westerly gales in the southern Indian Ocean, causing considerable damage to several boats including Pause To Remember, which broke her boom early on Sunday at a position around 3,200 miles

from Cape Town.
Skippered by Captain Tom
O'Connor, the chief sailing instructor of the Irish Defence Forces, Pause was yesterday sailing along in thirteenth position under headsails and a free-flying trysail on the mast as her crew continued its repair to the boom.

It has taken three of them 48 hours to complete the work. which has involved cutting a Ift section of the boom to use as a sleeve to join the two main pieces together. The assembly has been secured using holts cannibalised from a bar in the forepeak locker used to hang

### ROWING

### **Impressive Oxford** show early promise

OXFORD produced some interesting exercises in their morning outing yesterday (Mike Rosewell writes). René Mijnders, their coach, had them hitting rates of 65, 51 and 48 strokes per minute in bursts of upright rowing, body-swing rowing and quarter-slide activity. Apparently, when they beat the France national eight in Amsterdam over 250 metres ten days ago, they hit a rate of 50 on full slide.

The Boat Race rate will be about 34/35 and, on their way home to Putney from Barnes. Mijnders had his crew doing bursts of 20 strokes at this

Cambridge had an outing before Oxford but did very little work. Even in the smooth water, the boat was tipping to bow side and being rigged with stroke on that side.

A later Cambridge outing proved little better. On high water, with swirling waves, the crew's bow-side lurch persisted in a five-minute row, at 27/28, from Hammersmith Bridge to the Bandstand.

Long chats from the coach-es, Robin Williams and Harry Mahon, followed and a second five minutes at 28, against the tide from Hammersmith to



BOAT RACE 1997 Salurday, 4.10pm TV: Grandstand (BBC1) TIMES OF OUTINGS TODAY CAMBRIDGE: 1,30pm OXFORD: 10am and 20m

Barn Elms, was marginally better.

Oxford had no such balance problems when they warmed up for an evening outing against an Old Blues crew. In an initial 12-minute downstream row from Chiswick Steps, Oxford took a length in spite of settling to 3512. In the second row, a five-minute piece. Oxford gave the Old Blues a two length lead, were level after 15 minutes and won by seven lengths.

Some observers thought that Oxford would have won last year if the Boat Race had been on Wednesday. With three days to go, Mijnders has to keep his crew focused.

### CRICKET

### Gibraltar serve up bowling fit for Bacchus

FAOUD BACCHUS, the for-mer West Indies Test player, scored 100 not out as the United States batsmen took advantage of the Gibraltar bowling to score 312 for six, the highest total of the first two days of the fCC Trophy in Malaysia (a Special Corres-pondent writes).

Bacchus, one of 11 West Indians in the United States squad, was watched by "Bob-" Narasimha Rao, the Ireland assistant efact, who was on the opposing side when Bacchus opened the batting for West Indies against India

Rao, on a spying reission ahead of the key match tomorrow in group D between the two teams, saw little to disturb his confident Ireland side as Gibraltar dropped five catches en route to losing by 189 runs.

At the start of this qualifying tournament, Kenya were all but inked in for one of the three World Cup places on offer, but they stuttered for a second day before passing Singapore's score of 89 with

only two wickets to spare.

Martin Suji, who earlier took three for nine, steered Kenya home with 14 not out. The form of the first two days suggests that Ireland and the United States could squeeze Kenya into third place in the group and out of contention. Holland again bowled well to dismiss Namibia for 90 before passing that total without losing a wicket; they are now within one win of quali-fying from group C. Bangla-desh confirmed their superiority in group B, beating West Africa by nine wickets in

The weakest of the four groupings is group D, in which Bermuda, the top seeds, were surprisingly beaten by Hong Kong. In the same group, Scotland were unconvincing as they began their campaign with a sixwicket success against Papua

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### Dalmiya is chosen as new ICC leader

JAGMOHAN DALMIYA. OF India, will be the next head of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a three-year term after the retirement of Sir Clyde Walcott in June.
Singh Dangarpus, president of the Board of Control

for Cricket in India (BCCI), said that the board had decided on Dalmiya as the country's chosen nominee last month, before the ICC decided in Kuala Lumpur that India would select the next ICC chief after the retirement of Walcott. who comes from Barbados. ☐ Sanath Jayasuriya 'scored 79 from 63 balls and Aravinda de Silva a swift 66 as Sri Lanka coasted to a six-wicket victory in the first one-day

international against New Zealand in Christchurch yesterday. Chasing a meagre total of 201, Sri Lanka reached their target in 35.5 overs.

☐ Motor rallying: Kenneth Eriksson, of Sweden, held a slender lead in the Rally of Portugal yesterday as Tommi Makinen, the world champion, from Finland, closed to within one second after 17 stages. Eriksson, driving a Subaru, had started the second leg with a 14-second lead but slowly lost his advantage on the four morning stages.

Cricket: Queensland completed a 160-run victory over Western Australia in Perth yesterday to secure their sec-ond Sheffield Shield victory in three years. They were held up only by Tom Moody, the Worcestershire captain, who made 152 during Western Australia's second innings of

Doxing: Henry Wharton, from York, was yesterday given his third chance to win a world super-middleweight title when he was paired with Robin Reid, the World Boxing Council champion, in a Frank Warren promotion at the Nynex Arena in Manchester

☐ Cricket: Nottinghamshire have offered Lance Klusener, the South Africa all-rounder, a one-year contract as they seek to replace the injured Chris Cairns. He is expected to make a decision before the weekend.

D lee Hockey: Stevie Lyle, 17, the Cardiff Devils goaltender, has been selected as player of the year by the British Ice Hockey Writers Association.

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## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

One of the things I recommend a defender to do is to ask himself "would the declarer have done this if he had that?" On the whole it's a useful tool, but not so effective against declarers who should have done "this", but didn't. Today's hand is an example.

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Contract: Five Hearts Doubled by South, Lead; king of diamonds

On this hand British international Graham Kirby was East, playing for Nottinghamshire in a county match. I don't see why his partner doubled Five Hearts. East-West had already won the bidding contest by pushing North-South one level higher.

Declarer won the diamond lead in dummy, and what he should have done was ruff a diamond in hand at trick two. Then he has three more entries to dummy (the ten of hearts, a club ruff and a spade) to establish and cash the fifth diamond. In all he makes seven hearts in hand, a spade, two diamonds and a club ruff. However, after winning the

off the dummy. How should

diamond declarer led a club

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Kirby defend after winning the ace of clubs? His best chance is to play a club back immediately. Now declarer is an entry short to establish the diamonds. He can still succeed if he finesses the seven of hearts, but in practice he is likely to go down.

But it was not clear to Kirby - the test I mention above deluded him. He returned a trump, thus making both the seven and ten entries to dummy. Now declarer came to his senses and did establish the long diamond. Difficult to counter bad play.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

### WORD WATCHING

b. To mock

By Philip Howard

GREGORY POWDER a. Gunpowder b. Pink face powder c. A laxative

PLENILUNARY qIV A .s b. A diplomat c. Full moonish

CARRACK a. A large West Indian yam

c. A big ship ULTRAFIDIAN a. Too trusting b. Going beyond faith c. An Anabaptist

Answers on page 50

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## KEENE on CHESS

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36 NbS

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41 KH

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Triumph of youth

Etienne Bacrot got off to a flying start in his pursuit of the grandmaster title when he won with Black against the tournament isvourite, Viktor Korchnoi, at Enghien-les-Raine

Korchnoi often chooses obscure openings to throw young players off track, but this strategy backfired against Bacrot, who swiftly established dominance against Korchnoi's artificial system and

then won a pawn.
Simply winning a pawn against
Korcinoi is by no means a
guarantee of victory. Black's extra
pawn was doubled and isolated
and only fine endgame technique. by Bacrot enabled him to capitalise on his advantage.

Towards the end, the inexorable

advance of Black's h-pawn defused Korchnoi's belated attempt at counter-attack with his knight against Black's queenside pawns. White: Viktor Korchnoi Black: Etienne Bacrot Enghien-les-Bains

Nimzowitsch-Larsen Attack N/3 ď5 Bg4

2 53 3 862 4 gp43 N/6 5 e3

White resigns CI Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

1 Becrot
2 Korchnol
3 Dodman
4 Russis
5 Natat
5 Spragget
7 Ivenov
8 Chubenon
9 Fontaine
10 Anic in the above table, I represents a win. + a draw and 0 a loss

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine - Van Mindeno, Holland 1933. White has sacrificed a piece for a strong attack along the h-file. Currently, however, Black has an escape square for his king on f7. Can you work out the clever sequence of moves by which White managed to

ing a second bottle up the black king? Solution on page 50



Bjorkman, of Sweden, in action this week at Key Biscayne, where he has knocked Rios and Philippoussis out of contention

## Men's game needs new blood

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN KEY BISCAYNE

THERE are moves afoot, heretical moves, to combine men and women at a series of tennis tournaments next year. It is heresy in as much as the men's game has, for so long, been the superior product, basking in the combined glories of Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi. Boris Becker and the boys. Women's tennis? Who cares? It is just Steffi Graf and

Looking at what is left of the men's draw here, though; the men are struggling to keep pace with the women. Since the tournament began, the spotlight has picked out the new names of the WTA Tour while the men's crowd-pullers have been distinctly quiet.

Sure enough. Sampras is still going strong - on Mon-day he skipped past Francisco Clavet to reach the fourth round 6-3, 7-6 — but, when it

AS WELL as coming together

to build a dual-purpose stadi-um, Wakefield Trinity rugby

league and Wakefield rugby

union clubs are looking to exchange players and will

pool coaching and marketing

resources in a new joint

venture (Christopher Irvine

In selling their grounds and

moving to nearby Durkar, the

site of the proposed Yorkshire

County Cricket Club head-

quarters, the Wakefield clubs

writes).

comes to moments of history. Sampras winning a match is hardly worth a mention.

While the women's tour is rubbing its hands with glee at the prospect of Martina Hingis, Venus Williams and Anna Kournikova growing up together, the men have few new names to steal the limelight, while the old faithfuls are not as reliable as before. Agassi is a lost cause, Chang has all the fire and passion of a public-service announcement, so much so that he makes Sampras appear fascinating.

The men's fourth round draw here features only four seeds, alongside a group of four Swedes, two Spaniards and an assortment of names that struggle to raise a flicker of recognition outside their own country. Even there it is touch and go with Gaston Eltis, an unknown qualifier from Argentina, who faces

Sergi Bruguera.
The bright young things

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

Wakefield clubs to pool resources

are following the leads of the

league and union clubs in

Leeds, who share Headingley,

and London Broncos, who

moved in with Harlequins

last month at the Stoop me-

um could be ready within two

vears, ahead of the plan by

Yorkshire cricket to leave Headingley. Assistance will

be sought from the National

Lottery. "We are not going to

be stuck on the end of York-

The 15,000-capacity studi-

morial ground.

yesterdav.

making their mark on the into the match he fell and had circuit are equally unreliable. Marcelo Rios oozes talent but seems unconcerned whether wins or not; Mark Philippoussis has all the right qualifications — tall, at 6ft 4in, and with a thundering service

Greg Rusedski, the Great Britain No 2, said yesterday that he hoped to recover from a wrist injury in time for the Davis Cup match against Zimbabwe at Crystal Palace next week. Tim Henman, the No l. is doubtful with an elbow injury.

but his form is up and down. This week both of them fell foul of Jonas Bjorkman. another of Sweden's quietly gifted players, Rios in the third round and Philippoussis

shire cricket. This will be completely divorced," Nigel Foster, the Wakefield union

In the continuing farce over

issued a statement yesterday

that said negotiations with the

club chairman, said.

been terminated".

It was not a good day for Philippoussis. Three points

to have treatment to an ankle before losing his service. From there on he was playing catchup as Bjorkman confused the issue by reading his service, getting to it early and forcing Phillippousis to play.
That is seldom a wise move

for Philippousis. He has the ability to leather the ball with such venom that he can either deliver a scorching winner or send the ball into the next county. Yesterday there was rather too much of the latter as he went out 6-3, 6-4.

Maybe it would help if

Philippoussis could find a single voice of reason to help him. Over the three years of his career, he has changed coaches more often than his socks. He began with Nick, his father, before working through Ian Occleshaw, Paul McNamara, Gavin Hopper, Brett Stephens, Tony Roche, Nick Bollettieri, Todd Viney, back to McNamara and then back again to Hopper — and Philippousis is only 20. Still, provided that they leave his service alone, nobody is going to complain. Yester day he was regularly hitting the 120mph mark, with a 134mph thrown in, That service, though, can cause problems and not just to the man on the other side of the net. Philippoussis does not expect to see his service returned and when it is he is

rattled. His solution to that is

to try to hit the ball harder and

harder, which just gets him

into more trouble.

At least, with his Ferrari and, on his day, the ability to beat the best, he has something approaching a marketable image. If the rest of the top ten could match the quality of the tennis with a hint of a personality, they might just grab the headlines back from the women, even if they have missed their chance here in

### **SNOOKER**

### **Griffiths emphasises** value of experience

By PHIL YATES

THAT a year away from the first-round draw. In typically lestyn Harris's future at Warrington, the club, not for the tables has not dampened the tenacious fashion, he stole one competitive fires that burn first time in nine months of within Terry Griffiths quickly on-off discussions with St Helens about the £1.35 milbecame obvious as he estab-Lion-listed Great Britain back. lished a 6-3 lead over Alfie Burden in the final qualifying round of the Embassy world championship at Telford Knowsley Road club "have

vesterday. Griffiths, 49, the only player to capture the title on his first visit to the Crucible Theatre, retired at the end of last season, when 23rd in the world rankings, in order to concentrate on his duties as the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association director of coaching.

Those who watched him frequently outwit Burden found it hard to believe that he had not played a match for II months. Burden led 3-1 before Griffiths, who shot to national prominence by becoming world champion in 1979, brought his vast experience to

He had runs of 72 and 52 during a sustained comeback that left him requiring only four of the remaining ten frames to secure a place in the

frame on the blue and two others on the black.

Dennis Taylor, winner at the Crucible in 1985, and Willie Thorne, another of the game's easily recognisable forty-somethings, also overcame hesitant starts. Taylor fought back from 5-I down against Lee Walker to trail only 5-4 while Thorne transformed a 4-2 deficit against Dominic Dale into a 5-4 lead.

Andy Hicks, who included Steve Davis and Peter Ebdon among his notable scalps en route to the last four of the 1995 world championship, established a commanding 7-2 advantage over Matthew Ste-

vens, of Carmarthen. Hicks, who has reached the semi-final stage of the United Kingdom championship. Benson and Hedges Masters and European Open, constructed breaks of 44, 46, 120, 42, 69 and 74 while moving into a strong position against an opponent who defeated Stephen Hendry in the first round of the Grand Prix this

### **WORD-WATCHING**

Answers from page 49

**GREGORY POWDER** 

(c) A lazative powder, containing rhubarb, magnesium and ginger. The eponym of a Scottish doctor, who invented it, and died in 1822. This should surprise no one. "Mmmmm," you murmur appreciatively, as you taste the herbal dust the your hostess has just sprinkled liberally on your Spag Bog. "It is not unlike gregory powder, isn't it?" and let the triple negative fight for itself. PLENILUNARY

(c) Pertaining to the full moon. A usefully obscure word for excuses. "I'm frightfully sorry, Lucinda. Normally we should love to come round tonight, but it's that time of the month again.

CARRACK (c) A large ship of burden, which was also fitted for fighting. A cargo battleship or armoured cargo ship. ULTRAFIDIAN

(b) Going beyond faith. An obscure theological concept. "I suppose it would be outrageously ultrafidian to expect Anatole to arrive on time."

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TELEVISION CHOICE

## Meteorites and marvels

Seven Wonders of the World

There could be no better subject for playing the wonders game than Dr Monica Grady, the enthusiastic curator of meteorites at the Natural History Museum. You feel she could get excited about the telephone book, given half a chance, though none of her seven choices is anything like as mundane. She is obviously a person who loves her job for meteorites come ton of the list fand as mumaane. Since is obviously a person who loves her job, for meteorites come top of the list (and occupy one third of the programme) and her place of work, the splendid cathedral-like Victorian museum in South Kensington, is not far behind. She also enthuses over the Antarctic, partly because it is such a good source for her beloved meteorites, and the night sky. But Dr Grady displays an off-duty side as well. Among her wonders is hearing the heartbeat of her unborn son. She confesses that it reduced her to tears.

Survival Special: Hunters of the Silver Shoals TTV, 8.00pm

For a change, a wildlife documentary stays in Britain, or at least in British waters, though the material is no less exoric or beguiling. The story, as so often, is of a delicate ecosystem being thrown out of joint by the actions of man. The pivotal character of the film is also one of the smallest. The sand eel breeds in its millions, forming the silver shoals of the title and providing essential food for grey seals, seabirds such as puffins, guillemots and kittiwakes, and even whales. The sand eel is also vital to the diet of cod, haddock, whiting and monkfish. When Shetlanders started fishing for sand eels in the 1970s, the effect on birdlife in particular was catastrophic. It was worse even than the Braer oil spill which polluted the seas around Shetland five years ago. But good sense eventually prevailed.

Modern Times: Time of Their Lives BBC2, 9.00pm

Sounding the Century: Rites of Spring

Shimell and bass Alastair Miles.

Radio 3, 7.30pm

Brenda Ward and Tony Wright are terminally ill. She has a malignant brain tumour and he has leukaemia. But both have been able to take advantage of a company which enables them to cash in their life insurance policies before they die. Cathy Elliott's sympathetic film intercuts their

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Dr Monica Grady (BBC2, 7.00pm)

stories and shows how they decided to enjoy their sudden windfall. For Ward, a former nurse, it was a seven-week trip round the world with her husband, with extended stops in South Africa and Australia. Wright, too, made for Australia. But the move was permanent, as he exchanged a home in London Docklands for a more spacious one in the countryside of Queensland. Given five years to live, he has had four of them but is so retreshed by the move that he says he feels guilty at not dying. Ward, too, feels better than she has for years.

The Big C BBC1, 10.25pm

Wendy Richard alias Pauline Fowler in EastEnders, herself a cancer sufferer, presents a two-part documentary (concluding tomorrow) which sets out to demystify the disease. The focus is on six patients of the Christie Hospital in Manchester, chosen to illustrate different types of manchesier, chosen to illustrate different types of cancer. The emphasis is on people responding positively, even when the prognosis is not good. The programme is peppered with upbeat statistics about the improved chances of surviving cancer, though there is no denying the plight of 14-year-old lan, who has bone cancer and is on his fifthmost time. operation. It may seem strange that a woman with lung cancer is still smoking ten to 15 cigarettes a day, though it is the cue for Ryan Giggs and the. Neville brothers from Manchester United to urge youngsters not to start the habit. Peter Waymark

This new behind-the-scenes series starts with the voice of James Turnbull, one of two coroners for West Yorkshire, expressing his gratitude to those who gave up their privacy in order to take part in the programmes. There is a hint in that statement

of the remarkably detailed, often moving and occasionally harrowing nature of the work here

revealed. The cases are in themselves mostly routine - road accident fatalities, a fall from a roof

- but the nuts and bolts of the examinations are

fascinating without ever straying into prurience. One of the stars, if she will forgive the word, is Cate

Foster, a coroner's officer, whose approach reveals

a striking combination of detached inquiry and

Peter Barnard

### RADIO CHOICE

The Coroner Radio 4, 7.20pm

concerned sensitivity.

Many will probably regard this as the highlight of the entire week's programming on Radio 3 and not without justification. Stravinsky's opera The Rake's Progress is a towering and uplitting work which even those (such as me) who have difficulty with the theatrical aspects of opera find riveting in its purely aural form. Stravinsky based the work on drawings by Hogarth depicting the corruption of society and the libretto is by W.H. Auden. Tonight's performance is by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Andrew Davis, and the Orchestra, conducted by Andrew Davis, and the cast includes the tenors Barry Banks and Robin Leggate, soprano Joan Rodgers, mezzos Nuala Willis and Jane Henschel, baritone William

RADIO 1 7,00am, Mark Radditte 9.00 Dave Pearce 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeel 6.30 Evering Session with Steve Lamacr 8.30 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Claire Sturgess 4.00 Cilve Warren with the Early Breaklast Show

RADIO 2

6,00am Nick Barraclough 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Alex Lester 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on Two 8.00 Boys of the Lough (r) 8.30 The Music of Japan (2/4) 9.00 Aritis Bhalla's Across Two Cultures: Mark Tully (6/5) 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 11.45 Sait of the Earth (7/7) 12.05am Steve Medden 3.00 Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breaklast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Mildday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inventale Naturavide 7.00 News Extra with Richard Hearing 7.20 Trevor Brooking's Footbell Night. Includes a look ahead to a weekend of international football plus the results of the National Lottery derive 10.00 Dominic Diamond 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours 2.05am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peler Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

5.30 Europe Today 7.15 Red Dwart (10/12) 7.30 Discovery 8.10 Words of Fath 8.15 Global Shake-Out 9.07 World News 8.10 Words of Farth 8.15 Global Shake-Out 9.07 World News 9.15 Andy Kershaw 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Red Dwarf (10/12) 11.30 A History of British Theatre 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Entain Today 12.30 Composer of the Mortift 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Megarth, 3.05 Sports Roundup 3.15 Global Shake-Out 4.15 World Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 British Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.30 Discovery 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Words of Faith 7.30 Multitrack 9.15 Britam Today 9.30 Mentilian On Screen 10.30 World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.10 Science View 11.15 Country Style 11.30 Multitrack 12.30em From Our Own Correspondent 12.45 Britain Today 1.30 Outlook 1.55 Words of Faith 2.30 Assignment 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Mendian Bools 4.30 Europe Today Toundup 3.30 Mendian Books 4.30 Europe Today

### CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Margaret Howard 2,00pm Lunchtime Concerto. Leopold Mozart (Trumpet Concerto in D major) 3,00 Jamie Crick 7,00 Classic Newsnight 7,30 Sonata. Haydh (Keyboard Sonata in D. Mozari (Trumpet Concent in D major) 3.00 Jamie Cnck 7.00 Classic Newsnight 7.30 Sonata. Haydo (Kayboard Sonata in D major) 8.00 Evening Concent. Mozert (Don Glovanni, Overture): Richard Stratus (Don Juan, Op 20): Totalkovsky (Varietions on a Roccoo Theme, Op 33); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor, Op 27) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00em Met Cooper

### VIRGIN RADIO

6,00am Russ 'n' Joho 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Schubert
(Symphony No 5 in B flatt): Suk (Summer
Impressions, Op 22b); J.C. Bach (Flute Concerto
in G): Balakirev (Overture on Three Russian
Themes); Chabrier (Suite Pastorale); Gershwin
(Rhapsody in Blue, original version)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday Includes
John Field (Noctumes No 3 in A flat; No 4 in A);
Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2); Vaughan
Williams (Partita for Double String Orchestra)
10.00 Musical Ecounters, with Edward Blakeman,
Includes Rossini (Les Adieux a la Vie); Martinu (La
Revue de Cuisine), Locatelli (Rute Sonata No 9 in
E); Strauss (Arabella, Act 1, Finale); Copland
(Music for the Theatre)
12.00 Composer of the Weelc Mozzart, with Richard
Wigmore Includes Mozzat (Thamos, König in
Agyoten, excerpts, Sinonia Concertante in A,
K320e, Zaide, excerpts)
1.00pm Concert Hall, Live from the Wigmore Hall,
London, Florestan Trio, Schubert (Nottumo in E
flat, D897): Brahms (Plano Trio No 1 in B, Op 8)
2.00 Mildweek Cholce, with Susan Sharpe, Includes
Schnittles (Prelude in Memoriam Dmitri
Shostalkovich); Rachmaninov (Suite No 2 for two
pianos, Op 17); Lennox Berkeley (Four Poems of
St. Teresa of Avila)
4.00 Choral Vespers, Live from Westminster Cathedral

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7.30 Rites of Spring. See Choice. The with, three-act opera about a corrupted society, by Stravińksy, W.H. Auden and Chester Kallman. With Joan

opera about a corrupted society, by Stravinksy, W.H. Auden and Chester Kallman. With Joan Rodgers, soprano, Berry Banks, tenor, Phillip Ens. bass, William Shimmel, baritone, Susan Bickley, mezzo, Jane Henschel, contrello, Robin Leggale, tenor, the BBC Singers and BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Andrew Davis

10.10 Christopher Logue's True Story; Poetry, Part three of a ractio autobiography

10.30 Membra Jeau Nostri, by Dietrich Busethide. The fifth cantate Ad pectus follows Alan Howard's reading of Maria Magdaler's Complaint at Christ's Death by Robert Southwell (5/7).

10.45 Night Waves. Tony Paimer explores the enduring nature of drug culture and looks at its impact on the arts, from contemporary fiction to the art gallery. He also discusses Baz Luhmenn's film adaptation of Romeo and Juliet and asks it it will sell Shakespeare to the modern youth audience.

11.30 Composers of the Week: Cowell (r)

12.30am Jazz Nofes. Digby Fairweather introduces the first part of the Ray Brown Trio's concert recorded at last year's Glasgow International Jazz Festival.

1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Maciscod Includes 1.00 Borromeo Cuartet. Beathoven (String Quartet in B flat, Op 130; Grosse Fuge in B flat, Op 133); Schubert (String Quartet in D minor. DB10, Death and the Maiden) 2.00 Concerto Italiano, under Rimatdo Alessandrini, Includes works by Vecchi, Stringlo and Banchien 3.50 BBC. Symphomy Orchestra, under Sinno Joly, Messalaen L Ascension 4.15 Sylvia sass, soprano, Hungartan State Orchestra, under Enim Lukacs, Verdi (Scene; Willow Song; Ave Maria, Otello); Strauus (Four Last Songs) 5.00 Sequence

### BADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Brefing
6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.40
Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midwesk, with Times columnist Libby
Pures and the guests of the day
10.00 News; Viewing Essential (FM). See Choice
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour. Jenni Murray talks to Christine
Suthertand, the biographer of the Romanian
princess, writer and socialite, Merthe Bibesco
11.30 Gardeners' Queetion Time, From Birmingham,
with Nigel Colorn, Pippa Greenwood, Bob
Flowerdew and the chairman Eric Robson (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, Consumer news and
current affairs with Lesley Rudoch
12.25pm Envirous Casses, Based on the cornedy thriller
by Georgette Heyer. With James Fleet, Helen
Baxandale and Laste Philips (3/4) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.35 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Hollow Man, by John Dickson Carr.
Dramatised by Peter Ling, A doctor becomes
involved with a mystery when an illusionist
threatens a professor. Starring Donald Sinden and
Nigel Davenport (1/2)
2.45 The Vegetable Patch: Beans. The last
programme in the sense about vegetables
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan.
David Brooks investigates a 1,300-year-old
controversy when he visits By Cathedral in
Cambridgeshire

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Cambridgeshire
4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope, Paul Gambridgeshire
Strictly Batterior director Baz Lutermann's film
version of Romeo and Judiet and reviews a new recording of music by Arvo Part

4.45 Short Story: These Blocks are Actually People, by Ruth Thomas. A young biology leacher changes her mind about both art and people when she visits an art gallery. Read by Emmc Carrio

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5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Nigel Wrench 5.50
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6.00 Sk O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint, with Ned Sherrin (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Coroner. See Choice (1/6)
8.05 The Wardrobe. The series that takes a look at clothing through anecdote, archive and music. This week's subject is the waistroat (5/6) (r)
8.15 The People's Peace Professor Kenneth Morgan epidare (5/6) (r)

8.15 The People's Peace Professor Kenneth Morgan explores another important theme of postwar Britain (5/6) (r)

9.00 Coating the Earth. In the first of a new environmental series. Mark Whitaker repons on contraband CFCs, more valuable than crack cocaine, smuggled from Russa to Miami (1/8)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

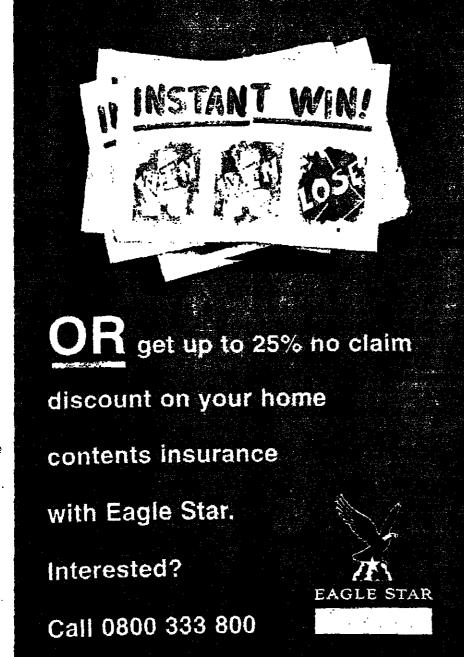
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Reading in the Dark, by Seamus Deane Read by Stephen Rea (3/8)

11.00 Trust. The second series of Wendy Lee's satire on NHS trusts. With Nerva Hughes, Keith Allen and Margi Clarke (2/6)

11.30 Doon Your Way. A comedy showcase teaturing Flush FM broadcasting from a portation in Peckham. With Doon Mackdchan, Pam Ferris and Lessy Shap (r)

12-08 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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## A positively inspirational night's viewing

ter unexpectedly announces a strange desire to catch at least a moment of The 69th Annual Academy Awards flive on BBC2 highlights on BBCI). We creep downstairs, prepare drinks, turn set on and find surprise - Debbie Reynolds being really quite franty about not being nominated and a wonderful cutaway to Harbra Streisand not laughing at all. Reynolds eventually opens envelope and presents Oscar for best wonderful music to: crikey, a girl I used to be at university with.

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Like revenge, under-achieve-ment is a dish best eaten cold and takes some beating at 4am, consumed under the reproachful stare of the next generation. Daughter offers to share bottle and I seriously consider accepting. Creep back to bed, but not before anchoring "Must try harder" note to fridge door with frog-magnet.

Wake up and things quickly improve thanks largely to the lingering warm after-glow from watching Network First: The Blind School (ITV). When filmmakers tackle "difficult" subjects such as disabilities, they traditionally opt for one of two routes to ensure we don't take the easy, channel-hopping way out. They either mawkishly sentimentalise (which this did not) or they present those with the disability in such a brave and positive light that switching over, or even off, becomes an act of personal betrayal. Alan Macmillan's film about the Royal Blind School in Edinburgh followed the second path in textbook style, producing television that was alternately moving, inspiring and funny - and unexpectedly easy to watch,

What it did not produce, I suspect, is completely honest television. Where were the tears, the

part of all lives, let alone young lives coping with what one teacher vividly described as "the grief for the loss of their sight? Macmillan would point to individual scenes and say it was all there - and we did indeed meet a highly engaging bunch of youngsters, whose re-sponse to blindness covered the spectrum from pent-up rage to extraordinary serenity. "What you don't have, you don't miss," shrugged Vicky Haylott, who rather stole the show (and certainly the lead part in the school's production of Oklahoma!) through being blonde, beautiful and blessed with a fine singing voice.

thers, however, were not so fortunate and while one can understand Macmillan's decision to concentrate on the positive (activities included roller-skating, rock-climbing and waterskiing), it seemed unforgivable anger, the frustrations that are a that he used the tragically KEVIEWIS



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misarranged features of one little girl to grab our attention in early scenes, without later giving her the opportunity to show she was a real human being.
But with the personable likes of

Elizabeth-Ann ("call that a kerb?" she said derisively, bashing a very modest cobble with the white stick she was learning to use) and Vicky around, Macmillan's approach was always going to produce feelgood relevision. Take Vicky, for and, best/worst of all, the unrelentinstance, on the frustrations of flirting. "I do use a lot of eye contact, but if the guy's blind you do think - what's the point?". In summary, Macmillan's film was an inspiring joy to watch, but somewhere on the cutting room floor were the scenes that might have made it a more honest film as

The rest of the evening found me in reflective mood, which is always dangerous in a critic. Take Peak Practice (TIV), the current series of which has seen me embark on an extraordinary voyage of discovery. For the opening weeks I thought it was simply too awful to be worth watching. Then there were a few highly enjoyable weeks when it seemed to have become so bad it was unmissable. A happy hour could be spent cringing at the Peak Practice horrors — the coffee mugs, the chunky jumpers, Dr Matthew's ill-advised mini-skirts

ing, mood-setting music.

row, however, my voyage seems to have brought me to the hitherto mythical island of third thoughts. Might Peak Practice actually be quite good? I mean, last night's certainly was. OK, so yet another story line began with yet another person collapsing in front of one of the doctor's cars (in real life you can go five years without seeing anybody collapse in public, in Cardale they numble like nine-pins). And yes, the argument about whether The Beeches should treat drug addicts did get bogged down in still more technical, fund-holding detail. But the acting, particularly from Laura Crossley as the addict who wanted to come off methadone and Darren Tighe, as her ghastly junkie boyfriend, was excellent and the unrepentantly sentimental ending well-handled.

As for Dr Matthews (Saskia Wickham), there was good and bad news. The good news is that she finally appears to have discovered trouser suits. The bad news is that she is being pursued ever more ardently by Dr Attwood (Gary Mavers). I noticed that Attwood drives a car with the registration prefix GYT. Must be one of those personalised ones.

Finally, the warm glow with which I greeted The House Dotec tives (BBC2) is fading rapidly. Last night's Fenland farmhouse was indeed a fascinating building, but the programme was again horriby over reliant on Juliet Morris's gap-filling narration to cram two centuries of history into half an hour and never seemed to get to get to the bottom of anything. And that includes the long-lost cellar, the "discovery" of which was shame-fully claimed with the help of a long knitting needle. It's not just

### BBC1 : →

6.00am Business Breakfast (66713) 7.00 BBC Breekfast News (1) (54607) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (5752978) 9.20 Style Challenge (4009355) 9:45 Kilroy (4772220)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (80133) 11.00 News (T) Regional News and weather (6705317) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (7317046)

11.35 Change That (8992978) 12.00 News (1) Regional News (7859046) 12.05pm The Alphabet Game (5890249) 12.30 Going for a Song (6160317) 12.55 The Weather Show (79224881) 1.00 One O'Clock News (57794) 1.30 Regional News (83901626) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (11298133)

2.05 Police Rescue Angel faces up to the truth about his father (2756046) 2.55 Racing from Ascot (3448607) 3.50 ChuckieVision (9770626) 4.10 Popeye and Son (1759152) 4.35 The Wild HouseLast in series (5704539) 5.00 Newsround (1) (3064442)

5.10 Blue Peter (T) (2715323) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (565997) 5.00 Stx O'Clock News (423) 6.30 Regional News (775)

7.00 Noel's Telly Years Olympic ice-skating champion Robin Cousins and gameshow host Ted Rogers remember television and news from 1980 (8510)

7.30 Tomorrow's World Coverage of the Prince of Wales Awards for Innovation. Entrants include a decorator who has invented wood-effect paint and a firm astinma inhaler (959)

8.00 The National Lottery Live Carol Smillie introduces the draw and discovers how one of the lucky jackpot winners is coping

8.15 25 Years of the Two Ronnies Classic Corpett (857268) 8.50 Points of View Presented by Anne

Robinson (229084) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (2317)

9,29 National Lottery Update (475862) 9.30 Inciders Journalists descend on the prison after a government White Paper is published. Woody is promoted, but a personal reveletion threatens to end his upwardly-mobile career prematurely. Last in series (438539)

10.20 The Big C EastEnders star Wendy Richard describes her experience of fighting against breast cancer (470775)

11.15 Under the Influence Sophia Aldred and guests Wendy Perriam and Professor Anthony Clare examine whether or not there are any psychological benefits to be gained from a religious approach to life

11.30 Ordinary People (1980) Oscar-winning drama, directed by Robert Redtord, starring Donald Sutherland and Mary Tyler Moore (77317) 1.30am Weather (3257176)

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6.00am Open University: Catalysts Against Pollution (7788978) 6.25 Sensing Intelligence (7790713) 6.50 Information Technology (T) (9522442) 7.15 News (T) Technology (1) (9522442) 7.15 News (1) (7694133) 7.30 Lassie (8455775) 7.55 Secret Life of Toys (f) (3134171) 8.10 Wacky Races (5235510) 8.35 Record Breakers Gold (r) (T) (5411133) 9.00 Activ-8 (82591) 9.30 Sweet Valley High (r) 9.55 Oakie Doke (7550171) 10.10 Playdays (9905626) 10.30 Babar (88775) 11.00 Lassle: The Road Back (1974) Lassie

loses her memory. Directed by Dick Moder (1883084) 12.15pm National Trust Gardens (5952133) 5pm National Trust Gardens (5852133) 12.30 Working Lunch (39997) 1.00 Secret Life of Toys (r) (59856539) 1.15 Pains of Glass (102046) 2.15 Racing from Ascot (8838794) 3.00 News (f) (5008189) 3.05 Going Going Gone (9632978) 3.35 The Beauty Spot (5757775) 3.55 News (T) (6112404) 4.00 Today's the Day (688) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (572) 5.00 Esther (T) (3688) 5.30 The Village (564268) 5.30 The Village (564268)

5.55 Turning Points Verity Lambert explains how Dr Who changed her life (202442) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation The

chance of peace in an inter-planetary conflict is harmed when a diplomat loses the ability to communicate (r) (1) 6.45 Trev and Simon's Transmission

Impossible (989249) 7.00 Seven Wonders of the World Scientists choose them

personal wonders (1) (6152) 7.30 Black Britain Arnold Gordon from Brixton finds he is related to an African girl slave presented to Queen Victoria, who took responsibility for her welfare and education (T) (201)

8.00 University Challenge Harrs Manchester College, Oxford v Newnham College, Cambridge (T) (2572) 8.30 Changing Rooms (r) (T) (1607)



Brenda and Steve Ward (9.00pm)

9.00 Modern Times The story of two terminally ill people who are determined to live out their dreams before they die (T) (409591) 9.50 A Woman Called Smith A respected community midwite (T) (384171)

10.00 Embassy (33864) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (810539) 11.15 Bangladesh 25 (r) (145997) 12.00 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (11027)

12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: Regional differences in health (58060) 1.00 Bloodistes (25485) 1.30 First Steps to Autonomy (39176) 2.00 Get by in Spanish/Get by in Italian/Bon Mot (48992) 4.00 BBC Focus English Heritage (35260) 4.30 Unicel in the Classroom (62850) 5.00 Health and Safety at Work (84640) 5.30 Voluntary Matters (12756)

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6.00am GMTV (6156794) 9.25 Chain Letters (1) (4084046) 9.55 Regional News (5876133) 10.00 The Time, the Pisce (38171) 10,30 This Morning (58749882) 12.20 pm Regional News (1) (7848930) 12.30 News (T) and weather (6188713) 12,55 Shortland Street (6163404) 1.25 Home and Away (r) (T) (47098220) 1,50 Afternoon Live (56255572) 2.20 Vanessa (1) (56255572)

2.50 Afternoon Live (5519152)

3.20 News (1503779) 3.25 Regional News and weather(6458620) 3.30 Tots TV (r) (4503299) 3.40 The Blobs (9212662) 3.50 Sooty and Co (r) (2035607) 4.40 Cone Zone (T) (4696626) 5.10 Look and Cook (r) (T) (5933607) 5.40 News (T) and weather (708775)

6.00 Home and Away (542572) 6.25 HTV Weather (451881) 6.30 HTV News (171) 7.00 Emmerdate The Dingles battle of the burgers hots up and Viv is desperate to make a fresh start for the children's sake

Terry's behaviour (T) (6238)

7.30 Coronation Street Don gloats as he takes a particularly cruel revenge on Mike, while Des decides to draw a line under the past and start atresh (1) (355)

Alan Turner retuses to turn a blind eye to



A grey seal hunting (8.00pm)

8.00 Survival Special: Hunters of the Silver Shoals Striking footage of the varied wildlife that inhabits the North Sea (1) Followed by Nationa Lottery Result (7591)

9.00 The Petican Brief (1993) Complex legal limiter, with Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington and Sam Shepard. A perceptive law student submits a brief about an assassination conspiracy, little realising her theories have hit the nail on the head Directed by Alan J. Pakula. tinues after the news (1) (7355)

10,00 News (T) and weather (90510) 10.30 Regional News (T) (850107) 10.40 FILM: The Pelican Brief Conclusion of tonight's film (T) (13382274)

12,20am Colfins and Maconie's Movie Club-(6664485) 12.50 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (3871602)

1.15 Film: Love Among Thieves (1987) Adventure with Audrey Hepburn, Rober Wagner and Jerry Orbach. Directed by Roger Young (168114) 3.00 Jones and Jury (69492621)

3.30 Not Fade Away (77640) 4.30 The Time, the Place (62896) 5.00 Coronation Street (88466) 5.30 News (15422)

### CENTRAL

3.20 Comedy Central (2068553)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (6163404) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5933607) 6.25-7.00 Central News (840997) 12.20sm Dating the Enemy (8056447) 1.20 Funky Bunker (5988824) 2.15 The Chart Show (6966398)

5.20 Asian Eye (8765379)

4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (4951350)

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7.00 The Big Breeklast (47317) 9.00 Bewitched (84959) 9.30 Film: Where No Vultures Fly (1951). Adventure set in Kenya starring Anthony

Steel as a game warden in conflict with ivory poachers (71898626) 11.25 The Pink Penther (9750959) 11,50 Terrytoons (4321423) 12,00pm House to House (97423) 12.30 Baby It's You (24065)

1.00 Slot Melthrin (40404) 1.30 Film: Tlara Tahiti (1962) starring John who carry over their wartime class

Mills and James Mason as army officers struggle on to the peaceful Pacific Island 3.20 Fresh Pop (9808341)

3.30 Collectors' Lat (249) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (864) 4.30 Wild Britain (268) 5.00 5 Pump (1084) 5.30 Countdown (220) 6.00 Newyddion 6 (166201) 6.05 Heno (560978) 6.35 Jacpot (468171) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (670249) 7.25 Plermio (945336) 8.00 Phwoar! (7268) 8.30 Newyddion (6775) 9.00 Spin City (8355)

9.30 Roseanne (47571) 10.00 Brookside (119152) 10.35 ER (363046)

11.30 Caroline in the City (32997) 12.00 Under the Moon (506824) 2.30am-5.30 NBA XXI. (4251485)

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6.00sm Sesame Street (59423) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (47317) 9.00 Bewitched (r) (T (84959)

9.30 Where No Vultures Fly (1951) with Anthony Steel and Harold Warrender. Adverture set in Kenya. Directed by Harry

11.25 The Pink Panther (r) (9750959) 11.50 Tenytoons (4321423) 12.00 House to House (97423) 12.30pm Light Lunch (27881) 1.30 Technological Threat (83994336) 1.40 Diplomatic Courier (1952) Espionage

thriller with Tyrone Power, Patricia Neal and Hildegarde Neff. Directed by Henry Hethaway (1) (55115572) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (1) (249) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (864) 4.30 Countdown (T) (268) 5.00 Rickl Lake (T) (1084) 5.30 The Real

Holiday Show (r) (1) (220) 6.00 Party of Five Charile heads to Chicago to heal the rift with Kirsten and Sarah learns the truth about Balley's relationship with Callie (1) (302152)

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8.00 Brookside Can Julia persuade Jack to conless his guilty secret? Bel forces Offle to make a tough choice (T) (7268)

8.30 An Inspector Calls (3/6) A look at the work of the Royal Parks Constabulary, who keep the peace in the four royal parks and the roads around Buckingham Palace. Among the 17 million visitors a year, PC Brian Mitchell and WPC Kim Anderson regularly have to deal with unlicensed food vendors and people sleeping rough (T) (6775)



Experiments on pupples (9.00pm)

Broughton tackies the issue of chemical testing on dogs by going undercover into one of Britain's largest testing aboratories (1) (8355)

9.30 Fortean TV Father Lionel Fanthorpe investigates a floating nun from Thalland, a miniature skeleton linked with several tragedies and a dog with hypnotic powers (T) (47571)

10.00 ER Carter and Benton deal with the aftermath of Gent's death and the understaffed, overworked unit causes serious problems for Nurse Hathaway (1)

11.00 Friends Joey starts dating a besotted fan (1) (1) (4012)

11.30 Cheers Woody and Sam make a bel about who can kiss Rebecca first (r) (T) (32997) 12.00 Under the Moon Danny Kelly hosts the

interactive sports show (506824) 2.30 am NBA XXL (75718) 4,30 Transworld Sport (14195) 5.30 Backdate (r) (T) (15404)

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Ouiet Swede serves to dampen young Australian's fire

WEDNESDAY MARCH 26 1997

## Walking wounded continue to give England cause for concern



Le Tissier cuts a lonely figure at Bisham Abbey yesterday after joining the England squad that is preparing for the match against Mexico. Photograph: Marc Aspland

## Collymore gets Mexican v

THEY wore tracksuits not dressing gowns, they played head tennis not dominoes. But when the shell-shocked survivors of an increasingly frenetic FA Carling Premiership sea-son gathered at Bisham Abbey vesterday to try to rescue the England match against Mexico on Saturday from descending into the realms of a looked for all the world like convalescents checking them-

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selves thankfully into a rest

Some strolled through the grounds, appearing now and then from behind hedgerows, chatting in the gentle spring sunshine. A few sat in the shelter of a small white marquee at the side of the training pitch, a couple talked on mobile phones.

Matthew Le Tissier, whose foot injury has become something of a cause célèbre,

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tennis ball that had bounced over a high fence and threw it back on to the court. But he extended himself no farther. Robbie Fowler, fresh from his altruistic antics at Highbury on Monday night, eschewed entreaties to expand on his attempted largesse and watched training from the sidelines.

On the pitch, the healthiest ones, hardy men such as David Batty and Paul Ince, stood either side of a volleyball-style net, nodding the ball back and forth. Later, another group of five or six players. including Jamie Redknapp and Ian Wright, formed a small circle and indulged in some control practice, firing off one-touch passes like the spring-loaded sides of a pinhall machine.

The squad members who actually kicked a ball, though, were in the minority. Five players - Gary Pallister. David Beckham, Nick Barmby, Dominic Matteo and Darren Anderton - did not make it to Buckinghamshire at all, retained by their clubs so they could minister to their injuries. A further eight -Teddy Sheringham, Tony Adams, Gareth Southgate, Le Tissier, Steve McManaman and Soi Campbell among them - were condemned by their knocks and strains to remain idle.

Reduced to 12 fit players,

**OLIVER HOLT** 



Football Correspondent

paper over the cracks with each piece of bad news. Last week David May, the Manchester United central defender, got the call. Yesterday Stan Collymore, the Liverpool centre forward, was summoned, along with Phil Neville, whose brother, Gary, is doubtful for the match, and Stuart Pearce, the Nottingham Forest player-manager, was also brought in to bolster the numbers.

Hoddle did a good job of putting a brave face on things, pointing out that the injury glut would give players such as May and Collymore, who would otherwise have been denied a chance, an opportu-

But after he had dismissed suggestions that his problems had been worsened by a club versus country rift involving spats with leading Premiership managers such as Alex Ferguson, Roy Evans and Graeme Souness, he admitted that, had he been able to foresee the flood of problems, he would have abandoned plans for the Mexico game

"If I had had a crystal ball, then I would agree with you that in the circumstances it might have been better to have a training get-together rather than a friendly." Hoddle said.
"But we had to finalise this five or six months ago and. after four qualifying games, it was the first opportunity in the calendar for a friendly.

"If I had been in charge for 12 or 15 matches by now, then the situation would be different, too. I quite respect that at this stage of the season there are people going for cups and if it had been this time next year, I would not be looking at a friendly game because 1 know that the players are tired.

"But we are at an earlier stage in our development at the moment and there are still positives rather than negatives. It is not ideal because I would have liked to have worked with a certain system and that may have to wait to the summer now, but if people like Nicky Butt and Stan keeping it and so this situation may quicken development in

"Whether they are ready or not is neither here nor there. They will learn how to play at this level and the fact that these things have happened means I can experiment. Even if we lose the march, there would still be a lot to gain."

Hoddle, who said he still planned to use the match against Mexico to glean information and experience of how to play against South American teams, insisted that the "lines of communication" between him and Ferguson. in particular, were working well and that disagreements about the release of players, even for checking of injuries, had been exaggerated.

He said he had spoken to the Manchester United manager on Monday night and agreed with Ferguson that it was best for Beckham, who has a hamstring problem, and Pallister to remain in the North West for treatment. He cited the presence of the Neville brothers at Bisham as evidence of co-operation.

Towards the end of his press conference, he even managed a broad grin. He said Pearce, who will be in the starting line-up against Mexico, had been delighted to receive his call-up. "This time," Hoddle said, "I didn't have to go to the manager first."

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### nity to stake a claim for a place Glenn Hoddle, the England Collymore get control of a coach, drafted in new men to in his World Cup plans. shirt, they have got a shout of Ballesteros loses Ryder Cup fight

THE selection process for the Ryder Cup this year will not be changed and, on legal advice, plans for a ballot of members of the PGA European Tour, seeking more

many of the leading Euro-

pean golfers are gathered for the Players Championship.

picks for the captain, 13 Russian (alphabet) (8) Severiano Ballesteros, have 14 Kiev its capital (7) 15 Appalling smell (6) been put aside. Ken Schofield, executive di-17 Right to keep job (6) rector of the tour, made the 19 A mollusc, the sea-ear (5) announcement yesterday in Jacksonville, Florida, where

> which starts tomorrow. It is a moot point whether they were more dampened by torrential rain that caused the course and practice facilities

to be closed or by Schofield's announcement. The ten leaders in the Ryder Cup table on August 31 will automatically earn their places in the team for the match in Valderrama from September 26-28, leaving Ballesteros with only two wild-card choices. Nick Faldo, Colin Mont-

gomerie, Ian Woosnam, Sam Torrance and Bernhard effect

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN JACKSONVILLE Langer had all spoken out in favour of an increase in the number of selections made by the captainin order to cover the eventuality that Faldo, Langer or Woosnam, among others, might not earn enough points to win an automatic olace.

At a players' meeting during the Portuguese Open, Ballesteros received backing for his request for a ballot to see whether there was enough support for the system to be changed. However, the Ryder Cup Committee took legal advice as to whether this could be done at this stage of a selection process that began last September.

"The only lawful basis on which selection procedure could be validly aftered at this stage was if the unanimous consent of all playing members eligible for selection was obtained." Nigel Davis, QC, said. Counsel said that any one player could obtain an injunction to prevent such an alteration being put into

announcement, Faldo had emphasised why he and so many of his colleagues felt that a change was necessary. "I think we got away with it last time at Oak Hill through Olazabal withdrawing and Woosnam getting in. But this time the old school are getting older. And with me over here

An hour before Schofield's

you have got Langer. Woosnam, Olazahal and Pamevik all of a sudden



Schofield: ruled out poll

perhaps needing a captain's selection. We need the insurance factor."

Ballesteros was keeping his own counsel in Santander last night but may issue a statement today. Faldo's reaction was typical of that of the "We should have made a

change after the last Ryder Cup." he said. "Seve made a big mistake. He should have said when he was appointed [captain] if you want me I want four picks'. He had the chance to get it right. The European Tour has exploded since winning the Ryder Cup. It has been the saviour of our tour. You cannot argue with that."

Neil Coles, the chairman of the European Tour board of directors, said last night: "We recognise that the debate will continue and the Ryder Cup Committee will continue to take note of all comments made by the membership, with a view to discussing the selection procedure for forthcoming matches."

## Jockey Cl investiga doctor's la

By Richard Evans, racing corres

A SERIES of blunders that ended belatedly with Tony McCoy being banned from riding in the Martell Grand National next week could spark a radical shake-up in medical services at the 59 racecourses in Britain.

McCoy, the champion National Hunt jockey, was knocked unconscious about three minutes after a nasty fall at Uttoxeter eight days ago, but a racecourse medical officer failed to enforce Jockey Club rules requiring the rider to receive a hospital check-up and an automatic 21-day riding sus-

Instead. Dr Andrew Toman stood down McCoy for ten days — a term not provided for in Jockey Club medical provisions on concussion — and the rider was allowed to go home.

If the ten-day medical sus-

pension had remained in force, McCoy would have been free to ride in the Grand National on Saturday week. However, when Dr Michael Turner, the Jockey Club medical adviser, discovered the mistake he extended the ban to 2) days.

The serious lapse, which has infuriated officials at the Jockey Club and prompted an urgent investigation, comes after recent criticism of medical shortcomings at Warwick, Yarmouth and Southwell. where Richard Davis was killed in a riding accident.

Although the Jockey Club has provided detailed instructions for medical cover, it has no control or jurisdiction over doctors who are appointed by, and are responsible to, individual racecourses. A total of 198 doctors are on racecourse panels but some may only be on duty for two or three

meetings a year. These are well-meaning eople trying to do a good job looking after jockeys' interests, but sometimes they don't quite apply the rules as they are written down by the Jockey Club," Turner said yesterday. This is something we are constantly looking at and see. ing how we can resolve. I have no direct jurisdiction over the doctors. That is perfectly reasonable given the way everything was set up, but if you want to move on and professionalise what is at present a 'non-professional' service then things will have to change."

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